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People all around me were burning, there were bodies. I didn't look. It would be too hard.'



Rescuers covering a body next to the bus hit Wednesday by a car bomb in Afala, Israel. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said the negotiations with Palestinians would not be affected.

Southeast Asia Loses Faith in Japan 'Supermen'

By Michael Richardson

KUALA LUMPUR - Southeast Asian ic and political problems may permanently

weaken Japan, are beginning to doubt its reliability as a major player in the region. This view, by officials, husinessmen and analysts, is in sharp contrast to the notion of Japan as an invincible economic juggernaut that has prevailed in Southeast Asia for more than two decades of its economic ascendancy.

The idea that Japan may not bounce back with renewed vigor after three years of recession deeply troubles the nations of Southeast

Japanese politics is in an uprear after Ho-soltawa's remarks about quitting. Page 6.

Asia, Throughout the 1970s and 1980s. Japan was the region's largest source of manufacturing investment, imports and sid. Southeast Asian countries are worried that

rising protectionist sentiment will limit their exports to the United States and the European Union. They also fear that China's super-heated economy will boil over and falter, closing off another avenue for export expan-

As a result, they are looking to Japan to revive its role as a locomotive for regional economic growth by increasing its transfer of technology and opening its markets more widely to imports of manufactured and pro-

Instead, they find that Japan is becoming increasingly preoccupied with its own eco-comic difficulties and that Japanese companies are diverting investor Southeast Asia to China.

"We don't see the Japanese being as reliable as before," said Naquiyuddin Ja'afar, chairman of Antab Holdings, a Malaysian conglomerate with interests in financial ser-

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Threat of a New Vote as Rightist Split Worsens in Italy

By Alan Cowell Ven York Times Service

ROME - The rift in Italy's victorious rightist alliance widened Wednesday as the media tycoon Silvio Berlusconi threatened to force new elections, while his nominal ally. Umberto Bossi, cust a net among other parties for support in his bid to divide the country.

Beyond what many Italians tonk as vicious political jousting lay a host of deep-rooted issues about the country's future that Mr. Bossi, the intemperate leader of the Northern League, has both evoked and obfuscated by behavior likened by one commentator Wednesday to a "grotesque caricature" of Italy's traditional

Among them are serious questions about the way Italy will be run if its vaunted "Second Republic" takes root, about the relationship between Mr. Berlusconi's vast, indebted business empire and his would-be role as prime minister, and about the dilemmas facing Mr. Bossi as the days of protest at Italy's corruption give way to the task of building a new order.

Tuesday after the Northern League said democracy would be at risk if he took power.

Mr. Bossi's crude broadsides drew a host of criticism Wednesday from newspaper commentators, politicians and even some northern followers of his frequent tirades against government corruption and his demands for a federation to prevent northern wealth from being siphoned to the south.

"Here we are in the presence of a man who is.

Mr. Berlusconi broke off negotiations on to say the very least, bizarre," said Gianfranco forming a new government with Mr. Bossi on Fini, the leader of the neofascist National Alliance, the third party in a pre-electoral pact with the Northern League and Mr. Berlusconi's new Forza Italia party. Mr. Bossi's attitudes are "infantile and difficult to explain," Mr. Fini

> The triumvirate secured an absolute majority of more than 360 sexts in the 630-member lower house, but, since results were first announced last week, Italy's complicated new voting proce-

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Gruesome Death For 8 as Militants Take Revenge On an Israeli Bus

By David Hoffman Washington Post Service

AFULA Israel — A powerful car bomh was detonated near a crowded bus stop here Wednesday, killing eight people and wounding more than 40 in what Islamie guerrillas claimed was retaliation for the Hebron mosque massa-

The driver of the car, a 19-year-old Palestinian, was also killed in the explosion, which ripped into the front of Bus No. 348 as it stopped to pick up passengers on a tree-lined street in the center of this farm town in northern Israel.

The attack prompted rightist Israeli politicians to call for suspension of the peace talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization over self-rule for Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and Jericho. But the Israeli foreign minister, Shimon Peres, said the negotiations would oot be affected by the attack, and that Israel would

Witnesses said the blast created a ball of fire, and many of the wounded were treated for severe hurns. Albert Amos, a driving instructor, told reporters that he saw two boys "burning like torches" after the explosion. The police said the car was packed with oatural gas canis-ters, nails and explosives, which shredded the car and blew open the bus.

Among the victims were Jewish teenagers and at least one Arah who was riding the bus.

the police said. In the streets here and elsewhere, Israeli Jews vented anger at the government and at Arabs.

Crowds gathered in this rural town, chanting 'Death to the Arabs!' Israel announced a complete closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, barring all Palestin-

ians from entering Israel proper, and the police indicated that all cars with license plates from the territories would be barred from Israel until The blast came at the end of the 40-day

mourning period for the Hehron massacre, and both the Islamic Jihad, a relatively small group of Muslim extremists, and Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, claimed responsibility.

The driver of the bomb-laden car was identified as Raid Zakarna of the northern West Bank village of Kabatiya. Israeli media reports said be had served time in prison during the intifada — the Palestinian uprising against Is-raeli rule — and had at one point complained to the Israeli human rights organization B'Tselem about being raped in prison.

The car, a blue Opel, was destroyed beyond recognition. Wimesses said the bus had pulled to a stop to pick up passengers. The car passed the hus, then backed up to within three meters of the front of the bus, and exploded. The hlast came at about 12:30 P.M., just as many schoolchildren were in the area.

Shai Bouzaly, 23, a kihhutz resident, was sitting in a nearby shelter for bus passengers, reading a newspaper. He said be was reading an article about the peace talks when he heard the explosion and saw "a big rolling fire."

Mr. Bouzaly, in a hospital interview, added: "I started to run away from the hus shelter. I saw my clothes were burning. I ripped them off and I ran 100 meters. People started to come and help me, but I waited for the ambulance.

"People all around me were hurning, there were bodies — people were not complete, I didn't look. It would be too hard." Two firemen who arrived shortly after the blast described a gruesome scene with dismembered corpses and seriously wounded casualties. An ambulance driver, Shlomo Obayon, said the scene was a "slaughterhouse" and that

be saw "people were charred, lacking limbs, The bomb killed the driver of the hus and sprayed deadly flying shrapnel around the area. The hlast ripped off tree branches and shattered glass at a nearby kindergarten. Many of the victims were teenagers coming from a vocational high school across the street.

"My little girl was 20 meters away in the kindergarten," said Yoram Aidan, 32, a computer specialist who lives nearby. "I saw part of the car blown into the kindergarten! For me, it's a miracle no one there was hurt. When I heard the explosion, I came running fast.

Five victims were declared dead on arrival at Afula's Haemek hospital. Others were flown by helicopter to larger facilities in Haifa. At least 10 of the wounded were in serious condition. hospitals reported. News agencies reported:

Palestinian guerrillas wounded six Israeli soldiers in a grenade attack on an army foot patrol on the outskirts of the Shati refugee camp in the occupied Gaza Strip oo Wednesday, military

officials said. The attackers escaped. None of the soldiers

was seriously hurt, the officials said. Palestinian sources initially gave a different version of the incident, saying guerrillas shot and wounded four Israeli soldiers traveling in a command car near Shati.

Earlier in Washington, the United States urged the PLO chairman, Yasser Arafat to condemn the Israeli car bombing.

"We certainly hope that Chairman Arafat would condemn this act of violence." Mike McCurry, the State Department spokesman, said. "The language would be of the chairman's choosing, but it would be helpful if he ex-pressed himself on this incident."

We condemn, in the strongest possible terms, this abborrent act of terrorism in Afula this morning," Mr. McCurry said.

Reading from a prepared statement, he went on to say, "We extend our deepest condolences and sympathies to the families of those killed and our sincere hopes for the recovery of those

He added, "This extremist violence has one aim - to stop the momentum toward peace." Mr. McCurry said the "best answer" would be to initiate Palestinian self-rule on the West Bank and in Gaza.

It could be hoped that support for terrorist groups would evaporate as Palestinian self-rule

Blackmun, Liberal Anchor, To Leave U.S. High Court

By Ruth Marcus

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — Justice Harry A. Blackmun, a Republican appointee who emerged as a passionate liberal voice and a stalwart champion of abortion rights during his 24 years on the Supreme Court, announced his retirement on Wednesday, saying that it was time to step down from a job that "hasn't been much fun." At the White House, discussions about a

replacement focused on whether to select the retiring Senate majority leader. George J. Mitchell, Democrat of Maine, and bow to balance the confirmation process for Mr. Mitchell with his critical role in shepherding President Bill Clinton's health care program to final pas-

Mr. Clinton, appearing with Justice Black-mun at the White House, hailed the 85-year-old justice, author of the landmark Roe v. Wade abortion ruling, as a "steady and strong hand" at the high court. Justice Blackmun "found the human dimension and struck the right bal-

The president pledged to pick a replacement of genuine stature and largeness of ability and spirit." Justice Blackmun will continue to serve at least through the end of the current court term this summer. Mr. Clinton declined to say

the president and Chief Justice William H.

much more about his thinking on a successor, saying, "I think this should be Justice Black-Justice Blackmun disclosed that he had told

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Rehnquist "some months ago" that he planned to step down at the end of this term in June. He telephoned the deputy White House counsel. Joel Klein, on Monday to say that he was ready to make an announcement, White House offi-Justice Blackmun, in his White House an-

nouncement and at a later news conference as

Observers of the Supreme Court see a leadership void that needs to be filled. Page 3.

the Supreme Court, was characteristically burnhle as he described his life on the court and his reasons for retiring.

"It hasn't been much fun on most occasions but it's a fantastic experience," he said at the White House, "I'm indebted to the nation and, Mr. President, to you and your predecessors for

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Greece Gets EU Deadline on Embargo.

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General News

The voters sounded off at President Bill Clinton during a town meeting on TV. Page 3. China offered the United States a mixed approach on trade. Page 6.

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BRUSSELS (AP) - The European Union said Wednesday it would take Greece to court to force it to lift its trade embargo against the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia unless the measure was repealed in a

The EU commissioner for foreign affairs, Hans van den Broek, said legal action could be avoided only if Greece resolved by April 13 a dispute with Macedonia over the country's name and symbols. Greece imposed the embargo on Feb. 16 to

back a demand that the Skopje government change the country's name, remove an antient Greek symbol from its flag and alter its constitution. Athens accuses Skopje of terri-torial ambitions against the Greek province of Macedonia

Under EU law, no member can close an EU border without consulting its partners, and a border can only be closed if there is a threat to national security.



Spectators at a practice round Wednesday prior to the Masters golf tourna-ment in Augusta, Georgia. Page 21.

England Drops Berlin Soccer Game on Hitler's Birthday

By Stephen Kinzer

New York Times Service BERLIN — The English Fontball Associa-tion announced Wednesday that it was pulling out of a soccer match with Germany on April 20, saying there was too much danger of violence because the date marks the anniversary of Hitler's hirth.

The decision outraged some German officials, who saw the move as playing into the

hands of extremists. There was evidence that large groups of proand anti-Nazi demonstrators were planning to converge in Berlin on the day of the game. Critics had warned that the match could be a magnet for hooligans from all over Europe.

For a period of over three months, since this match was moved to Berlin, we have been fully aware of the risks of disorder." Sir Bert Mulichip, president of the English association, said in announcing the decision in London. "We had boped that these risks might bave receded.

Unfortunately, in our opinion, they have not."

Graham Kelly, chief executive of the association, said members feared that the match would become "a focus for disorder" and "an unnecessary flashpoint." The match was originally to have been held

in Hamburg, and was moved to Berlin after the Hamburg police said they did not consider themselves able to provide sufficient security. Berlin officials volunteered to step in, and scheduled the game at Olympic Stadium, which was built by Hitler the 1936 Olympic Games. "It's an outrage," Otto Johne, president of the Berlin section of Germany's soccer federation. said Wednesday of the English move. "We are

extremely disappointed and depressed by this

of extremists succeed like this. They're making April 20 a day of glory for the Nazis again." Franz Beckenbauer, the former national coach and star, called it a "very sensible decision." Reuters reported. He said playing the

[But in Bonn, a leader of Germany's Jewish community, Michel Friedman, criticized the cancellation as playing into the hands of rightist extremists.

Berlin's city government issued a statement saying it regretted the cancellation and under-stood "the disappointment of everyone who had been so eagerly looking forward to this game."

But the chief executive of the English professional Fontballers Association, Gordon Taydecision. It's bad for sport when a tiny minority for, praised the withdrawal,

"This is a victory for common sense," he said in London. "It is a sensible and correct decision, bearing in mind the problems associated with this game. We had everything to lose and nothing to gain."

match would have been "detrimental for the "It is a shame that a major sport should be dictated to like this, but if you are going to choose such an insensitive date, it is inevitable," participants and it would have been detrimenhe added. "To consider it in the first place was a gross error of judgment."

[Both the German and English national fontball associations will lose millions of dollars in television rights and ticket sales. The Associated Press reported. More than 30,000 tickets had been sold and the money will likely have to be

Both Nazi and anti-Nazi groups had been appealing to their supporters to come to Berlin on the day of the match.

Head of GATT Gives Hint of Stepping Down

By Alan Friedman

PARIS - Peter Sutherland, the directorgeneral of GATT who last December helped to push through the biggest world trade accord, hinted in an interview that he might leave his jnb shortly before the establishment next year of the World Trade Organization, the successor While stressing he had taken no final deci-

sion on his future, Mr. Sutherland made clear that he might not remain long enough to be the first head of the World Trade Organization. which is scheduled to come into existence in Mr. Sutherland's role at next week's four-day

conference in Marrakecb of the 121 trade ministers who plan to sign the Final Act of the Uruguay Round of the GATT talks could therefore be one of his last international public events as the world's leading trade politician. The colorful 48-year-old former attorney

general of Ireland, who was a high-profile commissioner of the European Union in Brussels from 1985 to 1989, played an unusually hands-on role last year in pressing leading trade negotiators to achieve agreement. He has been hailed by diplomats as the most able and politically influential head of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

This week, worried that the Marrakech ceremonies could be spoiled by controversy over a demand from the United States that ministers agree to discuss labor standards in the context of world trade, Mr. Sutherland is engaged in a frenetic round of telephone diplomacy. He has called a meeting Thursday in Geneva of GATT delegates in an effort to seek a compromise on the issue. It has raised the ire of developing countries, which fear that the U.S. argument, backed by France, Italy and a handful of other developed countries, is an excuse for more

protectionism against low-wage manufacturers. See GATT, Page 7

By Michael R. Gordon

New York Times Service WASHINGTON - Serbian attacks on a Bosnian city designated by the United Nations as a safe area have sparked a debate within the Clinton administration over the use of force in bringing an end to the war in Bosnia.

Defense Secretary William J. Perry and General John M. Shalikashvili, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, have all but foreclosed in public — the use of force at this time to protect the city of Gorazde, even though it has been designated as a "safe haven" by the UN Security Council.

But the two officials' remarks, which were presented by the Defense Department as representing administration policy, were not welcomed by senior State Department officials, who are trying to negotiate an end to the war. Those officials stressed Tuesday that Secre-

tary of State Warren M. Christopher and his top aides believe that Washington needs to keep its options open, especially in its public statements, to insure that a UN safe baven can be protected and to maintain leverage on the Bosnian Serbs in negotiations, administration

A State Department official said that Mr. Christopher did not believe that the fighting in Gorazde "can go unaddressed."

The dispute between Pentagon and State Department officials and the lack of a clear plan to deal with the fighting has left the administration's policy unsettled. "There is confusion over what to do," an official said.

The debate is being fought on two levels—substantive and tactical. At one level, the debate centers on what military actions the Unit-One idea being discussed by National Securi-

azde, in which Serbian guns that fire at the town would be subject to retaliatory air strikes. But at a news conference, General Shalikash-

vili poured cold water on proposals for using air strikes in the near future. "Right now, it is our judgment that conditions in Gorazde do not lend themselves to the use of air power," he

Beyond the debate over whether to use force, another level of disagreement concerns the wis-dom of publicly playing down prospects for using force. In doing so, Pentagon officials say they are just trying to be clear with Congress and the public about the limits of military power and avoid raising unrealistic expecta-

But State Department officials say Washing-ton needs to keep open the possibility of air.

the diplomats try to negotiate an end to the war, and not to do anything that might end up encouraging Serbian attacks.

They also say the United States and its allies have an obligation to protect the Bosnian towns that the United Nations has designated as safe

And State Department officials point to an August resolution adopted by the North Atlan-tic Treaty Organization that threatened the use of air strikes to lift the Bosnian Serbs' sieges, not only of Sarajevo. but of other areas. Mr. Christopher, officials said, believes that

the NATO resolution provides a diplomatic basis for considering military action.

Seeking to play down suggestions of divi-sions within its ranks, administration officials said there is broad agreement within the goverament on the importance of a diplomatic

ty Council and State Department officials is the establishment of a "no fire" zone around Gor-

ences are a matter of degree.

"Where we all agree is that the goal is to arrive at a diplomatic solution that discourages all of the parties from prosecuting the war," one

Trying to put the issue in a more favorable light, another senior official said the administration was still in the process of "trying to marry" the military advice with the State Department's diplomacy.

The administration's efforts are also complicated by the lack of a decision so far from the commander of the UN peacekeeping troops as to what military steps he thinks are needed.

One option to afford a measure of protection to the town would be to expedite the dispatch of the 800 Ukrainian peacekeeping troops, already scheduled to go there later this month.

Many of the Ukrainian peacekeepers are still in Kiev, but U.S. planes may be used to ferry them to Bosnia.

U.S. warplanes could then be called in to deliver air strikes to protect the peacekeepers. While there is debate within the administration over using air power to protect the Muslim enclaves, there is no dispute over using air strikes to protect peacekeepers.

"It is our judgment that beavy weapons are not the principal cause of the death and destruction" around Gorazde, General Sbalikashvili said. "It is more small-unit actions, and air power in that particular case would not be

nearly as effective."

Some U.S. Air Force officials have argued that warplanes could strike Serbian command centers, communications sites and ammunition dumps in rear areas. But General Shalikashvili argued that proposals for rear-area bombing were built on "wishful thinking."

Talks Set on Truce for Bosnia As Serbs Slow Gorazde Attack

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Serbs prevented the United Nations military commander from visiting the Muslim enclave of Gorazde on Wednesday, but the Serbs

also slowed their advance into the

enclave and initiated talks on a cease-fire for all of Bosnia. Sir Michael Rose's attempt to personally assess the situation in the eastern enclave came after Serbian troops broke through outer defense lines and fought their way to within a few kilometers of the

city of Gorazde. Lieutenani General Rose said be believed the Bosnian Serbs were moving toward Gorazde partly to relieve pressure on other fronts and partly for political reasons, "in or-der to bring people to some sort of

General Rose was halted at Pale. the Serbian beadquarters just southeast of Sarajevo, but Serbian officials did let three UN military observers and eight of the general's liaison officers proceed.

sary of the outbreak of the Bosnian war, General Rose said the Serbs

"We're not an army of occupa-tion," he said at Pale. "We've got to accept the fact that if the Serbs say the situation is such that they don't want us to go there now, we bave to

accept that. He said the leader of the Bosnian Serbs, Radovan Karadzic, had proposed a meeting with military leaders of the mainly Muslim Bosnian government to discuss an overall

"I am now going back to Sarajevo to set this up," he said.

It was later announced that the truce talks were to begin Thursday

morning at Sarajevo airport. Serbs and the Bosnian government have mostly observed a truce around Sarajevo since Feb. 10, but fighting has continued elsewhere in

the former Yugoslav republic. A UN spokesman, Major Rob Annink, said earlier that the Serbian advance toward Gorazde, about 55 kilometers (35 miles) southeast Speaking on the second anniver- of Sarajevo, had halted after running into entrenched defenses.
"Our assessment is that Gorazde

had told him that be should not go to Gorazde because of safety problems. It is very well defended."

The Gorazde enclave, about 20

kilometers long and 15 kilometers wide, has an estimated 65,000 people, many of them refugees.

The capture of the enclave would give the Serbs a more direct route linking territory they hold in southwestern and eastern Bosnia. They would not necessarily have to seize the city of Gorazde to achieve that

A UN spokesman said that 12 people, including three children, had been killed and 52 others had been wounded in the past 24 hours in the Gorazde area.

This brought total casualties since the latest Serbian assault began nine days ago to 64 killed, including 10 children, and 301 wounded, including 36 children, said Peter Kessler, spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refngees.

General Rose said the extra observers headed to Gorazde would provide more reliable information than has been available.



The UN commander, Sir Michael Rose, barred from Gorazde, describing his next step Wednesday. (AP, Reuters) He was returning to Sarajevo to arrange truce talks. Sergio de Mello, UN civil affairs chief, is at left.

'Schindler'

Rwanda and Burundi Leaders Said Aboard Downed Plane

WORLD BRIEFS

PARIS (Combined Dispatches) — A plane believed to be carrying the presidents of Rwanda and Burundi crashed Wednesday at the airport in

the Rwandan capital, Kigali, and the two presidents may have died, the French Foreign Ministry said, quoting its ambassador in Rwanda.

It said the plane was bringing President Juvenal Habyarimana of Rwanda and President Cyprien Ntaryamira of Burundi back from a meeting with other African leaders in Tanzania of heaville of the incident violence in Rwanda and Burundi. The ministry said details of the incident were still sketchy.

Earlier reports from Brussels only mentioned Mr. Habvarimana as being in the plane and said it bad been shot down. The reports said the plane, believed to be a French-built Mystere-Falcon jet, was ablaze at the airport. The Rwandan ambassador to Belgium, Francois Ngarukivintwali, said in Brussels that he had spoken to the head of the president's office in Kigali, Enoch Ruhigira, about the incident. "The aircraft was shot down as it approached Kigali. It is burned out," Mr. Ngarukiyintwali said.

UN 'Concerned' by Attacks in Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, New York (Reuters) - The UN expressed concern Wednesday over an increase in attacks on its personnel and other foreigners in northern Iraq and said the situation would be discussed with representatives of the United States, Britain and France.

Joe Sills, a UN spokesman, declined to speculate on the reason for the spate of incidents in the mainly Kurdish-inhabited region, noting that the identity of those responsible was not known in most cases. He said the UN was "extremely concerned" and about the effect this was having on UN humanitarian operations in the area, where more than 200 UN guards are stationed.

He was also unable to confirm a U.S. State Department allegation that the Iraqi government had offered a bounty of up to \$10,000 to anyone killing a UN relief worker or other foreigner. An Iraqi spokesman has denied the charge as "part of the U.S. blind bostility to Iraq."

Taiwan Jails Hijacker for 10 Years

TAIPEI (Reuters) - Taiwan sentenced a hijacker on Wednesday to 10 years in prison in an attempt to end a spate of hijackings that has seen I l Chinese airliners commandeered to the island since last April, state Zhang Hai, 27, a municipal truck driver in the northern Chinese city of

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Tangshan, could have been condemned to death. The court showed leniency because be surrendered to Taiwanese authorities. Of the 15 Chinese asylum-seekers who have hijacked Chinese planes to Taipei in the past year, 10 including Mr. Zhang have been imprisoned, some for up to 13 years, and the rest are awaiting trial.

Cambodia Says Thais Helped Pol Pot

PHNOM PENH (NYT) — The Cambodian government has accused Thailand of beloing Pol Pot, the murderous leader of the Khmer Rouge guerrillas, flee into Thailand last month in the face of advancing Cambodian Army troops.

doubt the allegations against Thailand made by the prime minister, Prince Norodom Ranariddh, and said that it would be one more example

of Thailand's continuing close ties with the Khmer Rouge.

Prince Ranariddh said he had photographs of Pol Pot taken late last
month after the guerrilla leader escaped into Thailand as government troops overran a guerrilla headquarters in the western city of Pailin.

Anti-Islam Chief Attacked in Algiers

TUNIS (Reuters) — The head of an Algerian political party opposed to Islamic militants was seriously wounded Wednesday in an attack in Algiers, security sources said.

Mehdi Abbas Allalon, president of the Association Populaire pour

l'Umité et l'Action, a small anti-Islamist party, was taken to a hospital, the sources said in a report by the official Algerian news agency APS that was

U.S. Aide Arrives in India for Talks

tigation was continuing.

Paul Steinschulte, a UIP sales manager, said that there was a bomb threat directed at a movie theater in the western city of Karlsruhe before the premiere of the film, but otherwise there had been no problems.

NEW DELHI (AFP) — The U.S. deputy secretary of state, Strobe Talbott, arrived here Wednesday for talks aimed at removing irritants that have crept into bilateral ties between the United States and India.

Mr. Talbott, the most senior U.S. official to visit India since Bill Clinton entered the White House, said on his arrival that the U.S. president attached "great significance" to his trip and wanted "to give a new scope to U.S.-India relations."

TRAVEL UPDATE

Transport Strike Is Called for Paris

transfer Paris public transport and its financing to regional authorities. The spokesman said the plans were still at an early stage and largely undefined.

Greek tobacco growers ended a five-day blockade of the national highway and rail system in northern Greece early Wednesday after accepting a government pledge that bulk prices would be reviewed. (AP) Dubai has introduced curbs on visitors' visas in a effort to stem immigration and other violations, the daily Gulf News said. Visitors sponsored by individuals will have to pay a deposit of 5,000 dirhams (\$1,360), to be refunded only if the visitor leaves the emirate on time. It is apparently intended to curb arrivals from Eastern Europe,

U.S. Defense Chief Had a Downsizer's View in '92 recently emphasized a limited U.S. willingness to intervene in far-flung conflicts In the article, Mr. Perry said the core of a multinational force would be like that By John F. Harris back, while military reconnaissance, communications, stealth and precision-guided and R. Jeffrey Smith

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Shortly before he joined the Clinton administration, Secretary of Defense William J. Perry wrote a scholarly article in which he supported "a major restructuring and downsizing" of the U.S. military in conjunction with a new strategy of multinational military alliances to defeat aggressors.

The article, published this week, is noteworthy not only for its emphasis on U.S. cooperation with other major powers in taking military action, but also for its expansive view of the role that multinational forces could eventually take in stopping wars between nations.

By committing to cooperate in a new "multinational expeditionary force," Mr. Perry said, the United States and other nations could sharply reduce what they spend on military forces. U.S. ground and naval forces could particularly be scaled munitions programs could be expanded.

The article appears in a book called "Global Engagement." edited by Janne E. Nolan and published this week by the Brookings Institution. A spokesman for Mr. Perry, Kathleen DeLaski, said this week: "What he de-

scribed in the article is not relevant in today's world. We don't have the conditions today where that is politically possi-Mr. Perry stated in the article that a

"cooperative security regime" consisting of forces drawn from major world powers military aggression is not feasible" anywhere in the world. This ambition, while similar to aims supported by President Bill Clinton dur-

ing his presidential campaign, exceeds

anything officially embraced by his ad-ministration. After the ill-fated U.S. inter-

vention in Somalia, U.S. officials have

without any direct U.S. interests at stake. Under Mr. Perry's published scenario. however, any nation that took aggressive actions would be met first by political and economic sanctions and then, as a last resort, countered by a multinational mili-

"It should provide maximum deterrent to any aggressor," Mr. Perry wrote of this U.S.-backed military force, although it would not be used to intervene in civil wars like that in Yugoslavia or halt insur-

tary force that would quickly and decisive-

rections like that in Peru. When To Use It and How to Ensure Its Effectiveness," was written while Mr. Perry was teaching engineering and arms con-trol at Stanford University in August 1992 and makes reference to lessons be said could be drawn from the successful performance of U.S. forces during the 1991 Gulf War.

organized by Washington to attack Iraqi ground forces and eject them from Ku-wait, with a heavy emphasis on air power.

The U.S. military "would have a special role to play" in this force, based on its unique military assets, Mr. Perry said. It would supply cargo planes to ferry troops and equipment, furnish tactical intelligence systems and deploy Stealth aircraft to suppress enemy air defenses.

Other nations besides the United States would play the dominant role in supplying soldiers and tanks, Mr. Perry added. He suggested these forces could come from Russia, Germany, France, China and India, because each will seek to retain a large standing army simply to protect its own borders. Ships would come from Britain. Italy and Japan, while military aircraft. could come from any nations with "air superiority" capabilities.

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dures have hlurred the precise breakdown of seats within the alliance. The Northern League now claims 122 seats and challenges Forza Italia's claim to dominate

Nonetheless, Mr. Berlusconi cranked the stakes a little higher Wednesday by saying through a spokesman that, unless Mr. Bossi fell into line, the nation would face

"If Umberto Bossi betrays the political will once more impeding the formation of a government that governs, there will be no alternative but to return to the ballot box," said a Forza Italia spokesman, An-

"Italy is not a banana republic to hell with the problems of the country," Mr. Tajani said. While the bickering and maneu-

the turning point toward federal- ment. ism" aimed at gathering support for a constitutional reduction of central government power.

The issue is central to Mr. Bossi's, sue, be is trying to claw back supdispute with Mr. Fini, much of port. whose support lies in Sicily and southern Italy and who is ideologically committed to a unified Italy.
"If federalism means the rich re-

gions bang on to their money and devil take the rest, I still say no," One of many oddities about the present dispute is that no one has Mr. Bossi has sought to focus pubformally asked anyone to form a lic attention on one of the ambigu-

government — a task reserved by ities of the media magnate's rise to the constitution for President Ospower: the apparent conflict of incar Luigi Scalfaro. And he can terest between government office name a prime minister-designate and Mr. Berlusconi's continued where the popular will can be betrayed by the first party leader who
wants to keep his slice of power and

April 15 to choose its upper and lower house speakers. Nonetheless, in embarking on

the effort to turn the victorious vering seems, at first blush, to re-electoral alliance into a prospective semble the wheeling and dealing government, Mr. Berlusconi court-that led to virtually all of Italy's 52 ed the same intemperate outbursts postwar governments, the differ- against him from Mr. Bossi as had ence this time is that there are sub- marked the election campaign.

stantive issues on the table along-side the jostling for position and dary. The election results showed that many of his supporters who Mr. Bossi arrived in Rome from had followed the Northern League Mr. Berlusconi's television sta-Milan Wednesday for what an aide when it was purely a protest move-said were contacts with "all those ment decamped to Forza Italia troller?"

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political forces that bave accepted when it came to talk of a govern-

Now, in seeking early concessions from his potential partners in government on the federalism is-

wrote Mario Cervi, a columnist in the Milan newspaper La Voce. "Ei-ther he accepts subjection" by join-ing a government led by Mr. Berlusconi "or he risks annihilation" In his attacks on Mr. Berlusconi,

permarkets, the country's biggest publishing house, a weekly news magazine, a newspaper, real estate. a big advertising company and the Milan soccer team.

establish a "blind trust" for his Fininvest corporation if he becomes prime minister. However, he has not spoken of shedding his controlling interest, inspiring Mr. Bossi to ask yesterday, referring to

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"Right now Mr. Bossi is in a simple and tremendous dilemma, no problems.

Mr. Berlusconi has said he would

Targeted in Germany Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches BERLIN - The police in the northeastern city of Stralsund are

looking for youths who disrupted a showing of the film "Schindler's List" hy applauding as Jews were killed on the screen, officials said Wednesday.

The movie is the most popular currently showing in Germany, with 2.4 million people having seen it in five weeks. The distributors, UIP, say prob-

lems have been rare even though the story, about a Nazi who undergoes a change of heart and saves 1,200 Jews from the gas chambers, could provoke neo-Nazi anger. A few "drunken youths" disrupted a late showing of the movie on Easter Sunday in Stralsund by ap-

Some people left the theater, fearing trouble, the spokesman said, and the police were called. None of the people in the anditori-um were dressed like skinheads and no arrests were made, but an inves-

plauding as Jews were killed, a po-

ice spokesman said Wednesday.

"We don't want publicity on this because it could encourage right-ists, but the potential is there," Mr. Steinschulte said.

Meanwhile, figures published by the Interior Ministry on Wednes-day showed that the number of foreigners seeking asylum in Germany has fallen dramatically since Bonn imposed tough limits on refugees last summer.

The ministry said in a statement that a total of 35,822 refugees applied for asylum in the first three months of this year compared with 18,081 in the first three months of 1993, a drop of 69.7 percent. The ministry said 12,181 refu-

gees, most of them from Eastern Europe, applied for asylum in March this year, compared with 10,487 in February and 13,154 in

PARIS (Reuters) - A strike will severely disrupt Paris huses, underground trains and RER express suburban network on Thursday, the RATP transport authority said Wednesday. A spokesman said the stoppage would start on Wednesday at 9 P.M. and end Friday at 7 A.M. Unions called on all RATP personnel to stop work to protest plans to

In March 1993, 43,731 refugees Most major museums in Paris were closed Wednesday by a strike of applied for asylum. (AP, Reuters) employees, the Culture Ministry said. (Reuters)

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Commerce Chamber Fires Top Lobbyist

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Chamber of Commerce fired its top lobbyist because of disagreements within the nation's largest siness organization over how concitiatory it should be to the Clinton administration.

According to sources within the chamber, William T. Archey learned after returning from a family vacation that his position had been eliminated. A familiar figure on Capitol Hill known for his candor, Mr. Archey joined the chamber staff seven years ago after serving in senior civil service jobs in the Treasury, Commerce and Justice departments.

Over the last year, a group of conservative Republicans in Congress had publicly criticized the chamber, and Mr. Archey in particular, for failing to take an early and strong stand against the Clinton budget and health care plans. Each barrage from the group, which calls itself the Conservative Opportunity Society, generated angry calls from business owners to chamber headquarters in Washington, and the chamber found itself in the embarrassing

position of having to clarify or backpedal its announced position. In the most recent incident, the chamber's board in February "suspended" an earlier statement that businesses had a "shared responsibility" with their employees to finance the nation's health care system - a position not dissimilar to that of the Clinton administration. Cheryl Womack, a chamber director who owns an insurance firm in Kansas City, Missouri, said that statement had resulted in "a fax onslaught of people threatening to resign their chamber membership." She added, "The feeling was that we had to get this fixed, to stop the fallout."

(WP)

Same Plan

'Cumulative Voting' Ordered in Maryland

WASHINGTON - A U.S. judge ordered a county on Maryland's Eastern Shore to adopt an unusual method of voting to give blacks a chance for countywide office, a ruling that advocates said may be the first of its kind in the United States.

U.S. District Court Senior Judge Joseph H. Young ordered Worcester County to employ 'cumulative voting" in its election of county commissioners. Worcester's five commissioners voted to appeal the judge's opinion.

Cumulative voting gives each citizen one vote for each open seat on the commission. A voter, for example, would have five votes for five seats. All five votes could be cast for one candidate or in other

Cumulative voting is one of the methods advocated by the former Justice Department nominee Lani Guinier as a way to increase minority representation. It allows minority groups to concentrate their votes on one candidate even though they may not have a majority in a district.

Worriad Americans See a Gloomy Future

WASHINGTON - Despite signs of accelerating economic growth, Americans remain "highly dissatisfied" with the state of the nation and are fearful about their own financial prospects, according to a national poll, The survey, by the Times Mirror Center for the People and the

Press, showed that many Americans consider themselves financially overburdened, a concern that some analysts said could restrain future buying decisions and slow down the economic recovery. Many respondents also expressed concerns about violent crime,

their jobs, and public and private morality.

Overall, Americans were more worried about their futures than they were in the 1980s, and they generally viewed problems at the national level as more serious than those in their communities. Only 24 percent of respondents said they were satisfied with the country's course, while 68 percent expressed satisfaction with trends in their

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President Bill Clinton during a televised "Town Meeting": "I think you ought to trust me. You are free to disagree with me, but disagreement is different from trust. We ought not to mix apples and

Voters Sound Off to Clinton at Televised Town Meeting

By Douglas Jehl
New York Times Service

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina -- President Bill Clinton, at his most recent televised town meeting, came under repeated and sharp questioning from voters who challenged him about his foreign policy, his candor and even his use of tax money to attend a

In an event designed to showcase once again his proposals for crime and health care, and in a forum where be usually shines. Mr. Clinton found himself forced several times to defend his role in the Whitewater matter and his wife's lucrative investment in commodities futures.

Just minutes into the town meeting here on Tuesday night, Mr. Clinton was confronted about those issues television host and a man appearing via satellite from at least five states this week in an effort to recapture

Austin, Texas, raised the same issue, with the Texan asking bluntly, "Why should we believe you?"

Clearly less than pleased by the thrust of the questions, Mr. Clinton devoted much of his 90-minute appearance to a fighting defense, insisting that be and his wife, Hillary, had exposed themselves to scrutiny of their financial affairs and that he had been as faithful as possible to his campaign promises.

"I have been the subject, sir, of false charges," Mr. Clinton said in a sharp-toned, finger-pointing response to the televised image of the Austin man. "People saying things about me that are not true don't make my creed billion issue. They make their credibility an issue. They make their credibility as issue.

The confrontation came as Mr. Clinton opened one of his most intensive campaigns yet for his plan to overhaul the health care system. With Congress in by a young woman who told him, "Some of us are overhaul the health care system. With Congress in baving a hard time with your credibility." Later a recess, Mr. Chiton is scheduled to take his message to

Capitol Hill about health insurance.

After beginning the campaign Tuesday morning in rural Troy, North Carolina, Mr. Clinton continued it that evening in the first of three televised town meetings scheduled across four days. The session, broadings to the continued in the continued cast live, allowed him to take questions from studio audiences in Roanoke, Virginia.; Bristol, Tennessee,

Charlotte and Austin.

Within minutes of his opening statement on his administration's accomplishments, Mr. Clinton was confronted by skeptics, such as a young woman, Rebecca Fairchild. Instructed, like other members of the studio audience, only to be respectful to the president, Ms. Fairchild first complimented the University of Arkansas on its newly won national championship in basketball — "How about them Razor-backs!" — and then turned to Whitewater, asking:

responses, Mr. Clinton insisted be had opened his books to a special prosecutor's scrutiny.

"Let me be president in 1994 while someone else worries about what happens in 1979," be said of the prosecutor, Robert B. Fiske Jr.

Mr. Clinton sought particularly to defend his wife against the accusation that she got special treatment in transforming a \$1,000 investment into nearly \$100,000 during 10 months of speculation in commodities futures in 1978-79.

But his defense included several apparent new inconsistencies. He said Mrs. Clinton had released documents detailing her trading records "as soon as they asked about them," although the White House in fact refused for more than a week to release those records. Mr. Clinton also was challenged over his policies toward North Korea, Bosnia and Haiti.

Filling Supreme Court's Leadership Void

By Joan Biskupic Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — Justice Harry A. Blackmun, a slight and sob-tary man, is the last traditional bb-

eral voice on the Supreme Court. His opinions bave rung with unabashed passion. But unlike his onetime ally, re-

tired Justice William J. Brennan

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Jr., he has not been a leader or consensus-builder, something observers believe the court now needs. The court has been in such flux in recent terms that a new justice, particularly one who fills the leadership void, could have influence well beyond a single vote.

The internal dynamic at the

court plays out broadly for all Americans. The court continues to set the terms on decades-old controversies — the death penalty, abortion and job discrimination and will likely do the same on new disputes making their way through the judicial system: over rights for bomosexuals and physician-assisted snicides

The balance of power has shifted wildly from term to term. A fresh voice could seize an opportunity for leadership, particularly if the appointee were less the bold liberal Justice Blackmun has become and more the politician who could influence the conservative centrists on the fence: Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, Anthony M. Kennedy

and David H. Souter. One thing is plain: The unbending conservatism of Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist unsettles enough of the current justices that a single new justice could make all



Justice Blackmun: The court's last traditional liberal voice.

the difference in a new judicial ap-In recent years, Justice Black-

mun has been a liberal touchstone, constantly introducing the human factor into his writing. "Poor Joshua!" Justice Black-

mun wrote in a 1989 case involving an abused Wisconsin boy whose death was blamed on the neglect of social workers. In Justice Blackmun's recent denunciation of the death penalty — a change in position after nearly 25

years on the court - the justice

began by detailing what a con-demned prisoner undergoes as intravenous tubes are attached to his arms and a lethal fluid begins to

In his most famous opinion, the 1973 Roe v. Wade, Justice Blackmun carved ont a new concept of constitutional due process of law to give women a right to abortion. He continued to favor individual autonomy and personal choice over

the interests of government.

As the court became more conservative, stocked with the appointees of Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush, Justice Blackmun dug in his biberal heels. And the court became fractured, defying labels beyond a general conser-

"I think there is a possibility for real change on the court," said Chai Feldblum, who was a law clerk to Justice Blackmun in 1986 and 1987 and is now a Georgetown Universi-ty law professor, "There was a real solid conservative bloc for some time," she said, referring to court rulings from 1988 to 1991. "But people in that bloc are moving. Either a leader may emerge among the justices there or in a new per-

Much will depend on the character and views of the new justice. If an appointee duplicates Justice Blackmun's liberal voting pattern and style, the succession could be a

At this point, few major controversies loom on which a single vote will make a decisive difference. The fight is over who can claim the justices at the center and help form a majority that will set the course of the law for the next 25 years. Indicative of the recent shifting

alliances, two years ago, Justices O'Connor, Kennedy and Souter prevailed as a bloc in the most controversial, closely decided cases. They stopped the other conservative justices from overturning Roe v. Wade and resisted their efforts to sanction prayer at public

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high school graduations.
But that centrist trio split apart last term, and Chief Justice Rehnquist, joined by Justice Kennedy. dominated in the most fractious cases: church-state conflicts, voting rights and job discrimination.

Generally, a "conservative" justice believes that the courts should not become involved in social problems that have been the domain of elected legislators. Judicial "liberals" are inclined to enter the social policy fray. Without Justice Blackmon, the most bberal justice likely will be John Paul Stevens.

Because only 26 rulings have been issued so far this term, in fairly dry, inconsequential cases, it is ton soon to assess bow President Bill Clinton's first appointee, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, ranks among her colleagues. She built a largely moderate record in her 13 years on the U.S. Court of Appeals

Whether Justice Ginsburg, who already dominates at oral arguments and is the only justice who has been in the majority in every ruling this term, could herself be-come a leader on the court is uncer-

for the Washington, D.C. Circuit,

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of the road, also known as the Santa Monica Freeway. A U.S. Navy attack plane crashed into San Francisco Bay, killing both navy reserve fliers aboard. They were practicing touch-and-go landings at Alameda Naval Air Station.

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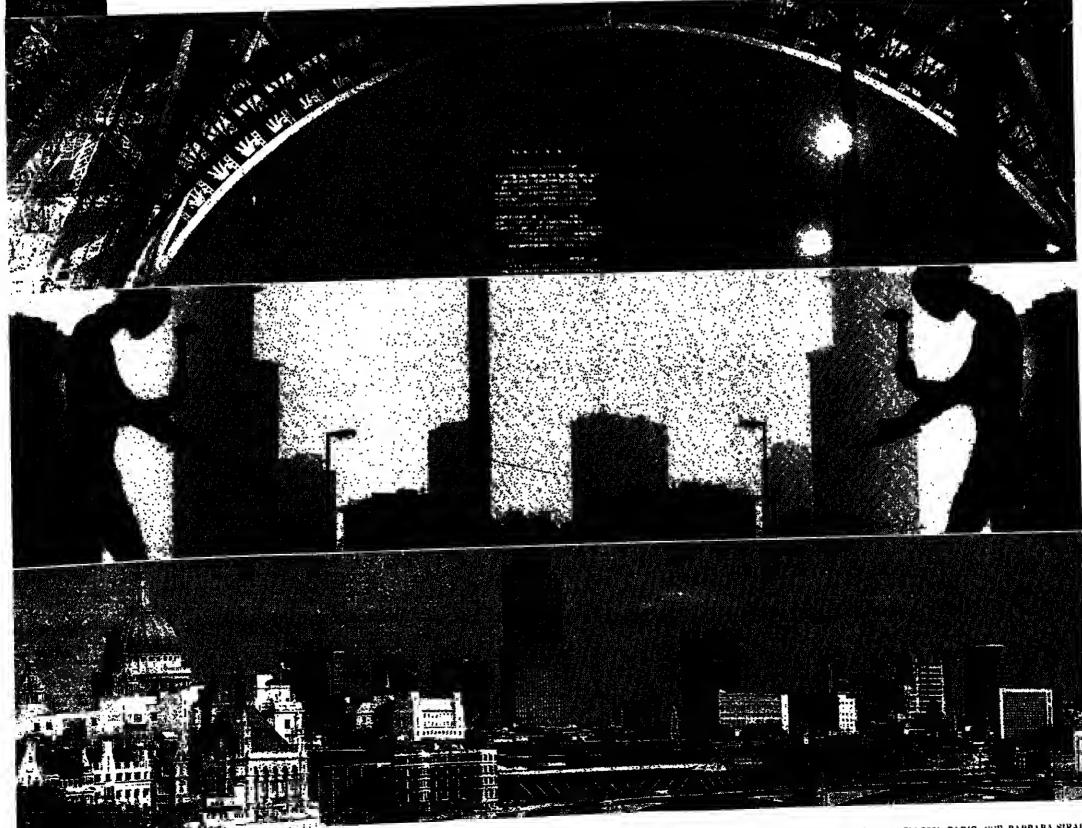
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U.K. Probe on Iraq Another Problem for Major

By Richard W. Stevenson

New York Times Service LONDON — After nearly 11 months of testimony from t66 witnesses, the official inquiry into the British government's handling of arms-industry sales to Iraq has com-pleted the bulk of its hearings, having joited the already shaky political ground beneath Prime Minister John Major.

The final report on the inquiry will not be ready until late this year, and several more witnesses may be called in May. But the public hearings have tarnished some political reputations, hurnished others, and raised difficult questions for the Conservative government. ernment on the sale of arms-making equipment and weapons components to President Saddam Hussein in the years before Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990,

The hearings have been a political headache for Mr. Major, who is struggling to survive ever-sinking poll ratings, deep splits within his party over Britain's role in Europe and attacks by opposition parties over issues like the sharp tax increases that took effect

The inquiry, which was set up by Mr. Major but given complete independence, has been trying to determine why the Conserva-

tive government of Mr. Major's predecessor. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, approved the sales despite a stated policy of not supplying arms to Iraq, and whether that government subsequently misled Parliament

over the issue or tried to cover up its actions. The witnesses, who have included Mr. Major and Lady Thatcher, now a member of the House of Lords, have left the inquiry with a picture of a government that was so eager for British companies to win husiness in Iraq that it was willing to break its rules prohibiting such sales — or at least to inter-pret them with great flexibility.

Mr. Major, who held several high posts in the Thatcher government at the time the sales took place, said he had not been aware

The inquiry has heard testimony from a variety of officials that government ministers were at times less than forthcoming in answering Parliament's questions about the policy on arms sales to Iraq.

The head of the inquiry, Sir Richard Scott. a High Court judge, asked whether ministers had failed to inform Parliament that they were, at the least, interpreting the government's guidelines on arms sales to Iraq more loosely than they had previously.

"The truth is a difficult concept," Ian McDonald, a Ministry of Defense official, said, testifying about how hureaucrats and government ministers sought to answer pariamentary questions accurately but not al-

The hearings have also been told how the government sought to bar the release of doc-uments showing that executives of a compa-ny that arranged the sale of sophisticated machine tools to Iraq did so with the knowl-edge and approval of the government.

The executives of the company, Matrix Churchill, were charged with violating the export restrictions. They were cleared after a former government minister, Alan Clark, admitted in court that the government approved the sales, saying his previous statements to the contrary had been "economical" with the actuality.

The chief beneficiary of the hearings has been Michael Heseltine, the trade and indus-try minister. Mr. Heseltine emerged from his testimony as something of a popular hero after telling of his objections to harring the release in 1992 of the documents sought by the defendants in the Matrix Churchill court

A review of the papers sought by the

defense in the case, Mr. Heseltine said, had convinced him that they should be released. He said he had told aides that it might be seen as a cover-up if he agreed to a recom-mendation by Attorney General Nicholas Lyell to sign a statement telling the court it was in the public interest not to release them.

Only after he was told by Sir Nicholas that be had a legal duty to sign the statement did Mr. Heseltine agree, and then only with the proviso that the trial judge be told of his reservations. Sir Nicholas later admitted that he had not communicated Mr. Heseltine's position to the judge.

Mr. Heseltine, whose longstanding hopes of becoming prime minister seemed to come to an end last year when he suffered a heart attack, saw his political visibility and popularity jump substantially after his testimony.

A long shot just a few months ago, he is now in apparent good health and is considered to be neck and neck with Kenneth Clarke, chancellor of the Exchequer, as a possible eventual successor to Mr. Major.

Mr. Clarke also signed a statement seeking to have the Matrix Churchill documents withheld, and has said he would resign if found hy the inquiry to have acted improper-

U.K. Spurns New Appeal By IRA as Truce Starts

BELFAST - The Irish Republican Army began on Wednesday a three-day cease-fire aimed at pres-suring the British government into talks with its political ally, Sinn

Fein.

But a letter delivered by Sinn
Fein to Prime Minister John Major
of Britain, pressing the demand for

a meeting, was rejected.
"We won't be responding direct to this," a spokeswoman for Mr. fajor said in London, reiterating position that Sinn Fein and the

IRA "know what they have to do."
The British and Irish governments in December offered Sinn
Fein a place in talks if the IRA gave up its 24-year-old campaign of violence aimed at forcing a British withdrawai from Northern Ireland.

The Irish News, which has a mostly Catholic readership, filled its front page with cease-fire analysis and asserted it was "the most critical 72 hours in Northern Ireland's history for decades." The pa-per criticized Mr. Major for failing to address "how such a cease-fire can be extended."

The Ulster News Letter, which reflects the pro-British views of its mostly Protestant readership, sbunted the issue to the inside pages and assailed the cease-fire as "a meaningless gesture" that prob-ably would end with more IRA

attacks on Saturday.

Sinn Fein widely publicized its position Wednesday in London and Belfast, stressing its view that the British, not the IRA, were being

"It's really an occasion for John Major to grah the opportunity of the three-day suspension and to talk to Sinn Fein," said the party chairman. Tom Hartley, who deliv-ered the letter to No. 10 Downing

Unionist groups have killed five Catholics this year, and said Tuesday that the cease-fire might offer a good time to add to the toll. More than 20,000 soldiers and

11,000 police were on alert Wednesday in the province.

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EUROPEAN TOPICS

European Ex-Pats Shun Parliament Vote

Millions of Europeans living outside their own country in the European Union gained the right this year to vote in Euro-pean Parliament elections in the country of their residence. But while this is being portrayed as a great symbolic leap forward, registration for the June 12 elections appears to be low.

In Belgium, for example, 460,000 expatriate Europeans have the right to vote, but only 7,000, or 1.5 percent, have signed up. And in France, of 1.3 million Europeans eligible, only "a few thousand" have registered, with just over a week left to do so, said Alain Lamas-soure, minister-delegate for Eu-ropean affairs. Registration has closed in other countries, except Germany and Britain.

Officials cite many reasons for the low response, primarily a lack of time to organize public information campaigns. The EU directive was adopted in December.

But other factors reflect poorly on bopes for European integration. In Belgium, the European affairs minister wanted to translate informational brochures about the vote into the nine official languages of the EU but was blocked by the Interior Ministry, which said Belgian law allows public informa-tion to be distributed only in the country's three national lan-

And British Embassy officials quoted by Le Soir of Brussels said that some 20 British voters in the commune of Antwerp were told they needed not just a passport but a "proof of nationality" document that would cost 750 Belgian francs (\$20) and require a trip to the consulate. Few followed up.

Around Europe

Has Britain become a nation of cheats? According to The Observer. there are worrying signs that it has. A recent Plymouth University survey found that one in eight students had copied from neighbors during exams; 8 percent had used crih sheets, and 5 percent had whispered answers to others. Cheating in business seems to be on the rise: Trade in counterfeit goods, from fake designer clothes to car parts, now exceeds £200 million (\$290 million). And the Inland Revenue

estimates that the country's black economy has reached £50 billion, more than twice the defense budget. In the sports world, athletes use vicious tactics or take drugs; a soccer play-er from Wimbledon was fined £20,000 for making an instruc-tional video on how to play dirty.

Some blame the cheating in school on simple laziness: others note that jobs have become scarce and students have grown desperate. For the overall use in cheating, the collapse of reli-gious authority is cited. So is the bad example of political lead-ers, such as those members of Parliament who speak out for family values and then are caught cheating on their

The French, who rely on nuclear power more than any other people, are remarkably ambiva-lent about its dangers, a survey shows. As Le Figaro points out, it is the only country in Europe where public protest has not forced the government to rethink its nuclear program. Sixty-one percent of those sur-veyed by the BVA polling firm said they were confident that safety regulations are observed in France's 60 reactors, hut 52 percent said they feared that an accident as serious as Chernobyl's could occur in France, and 71 percent said no more reactors should be built. France gets 75 percent of its electricity from uclear reactors.

Dogs have been trained in Finland for years to find drugs and mushrooms, but now they are being used to find drowned persons. The police department of Kuopio, in eastern Finland, has trained six dogs; each works from an electric boat, since gas fumes would interfere with the dogs' sense of smell. Hundreds of people drown each year in Finland's vast waterways.

Double nr nothing: A German restaurateur sent 5-Deutsche mark notes (\$2.90) to 400 people selected at random. His goal was not self-impoverishment. Uwe Kolster, 54, of Minden, offered recipients three choices: keep the money, return it. or send it back with a little extra — for a Unicef children's program. So far, 142 people have returned the 5 DM, while 130 added something extra for a return of about 10,000 DM on the 2,000 DM sent out. Most miserly among those he wrote to, Mr. Kolster discovered, were the doctors: "I got next to nothing from them."

Brian Knowlton

Yeltsin Approves New Bases Presence Reinforced in Ex-Soviet Republics

The Associated Press MOSCOW - President Boris N. Yeltsin has approved the Russian military's plans to establish about

Soviet republics, the Defense Min-istry said Wednesday. Mr. Yelisin's decision reflects Russia's increasingly active military role in what it calls the "near

30 permanent bases in the former

abroad," where it has stationed an estimated 16,000 troops.

1tar-Tass quoted General Mikhail Kolesnikov, chief of Russia's general staff, as saying that some of

the 30 bases would be formed from existing units, such as the Skrunda early-warning radar facility in Latvia and the 201st motorized rifle division in Tajikisian.

wage bill last month.

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France Allows Return of 2 Algerians

PARIS (Reuters) — The French government on Wednesday allowed two Algerian teenagers to return to France after a court suspended the expulsion order issued at the beight of youth protests over a minimum

Interior Minister Charles Pasqua, who ordered Abdel Hakim Youbei, 18, and Mouloud Malaci, 19, to Algeria two weeks ago, said they could return home to France. Algeria had refused to let them in and they have

been stranded in the transit area in the port of Algiers.

The court in Lyon ruled the expulsion order was not a matter of

emergency and must be suspended pending a final decision on whether it

was justified. The youths, longtime residents of Lyon, were expelled on

March 22 after they were accused of stoning police and looting during protests against a bill that reduced minimum wages for young people.

It was not immediately clear how tional interests in the former Soviet many of the bases would be new, or Union since Communists and exwhether Mr. Yeltsin's decision treme nationalists won roughly 40 would result in any substantial ex- percent of the national vote in Depansion of Russian troops abroad, A spokesman for the Defense Minstry said be could not answer those questions.

At the least, however, Mr. Yeltsin's decision indicates that Russia is not shrinking from its current entanglements across the former Soviet Union. On the contrary, Moscow appears to be making its military presence permanent in such hot spots as Georgia, Armenia

ter Andrei V, Kozyrev have become more assertive about Russia's na-

and Tajikistan. Mr. Yeltsin and Foreign Minis-Russian troops also bave been accused of arming Abkhazian separatists in Georgia and supporting the self-proclaimed Trans-Dniester Republic in Moldova. Russia has withdrawn all its

forces from the Baltic state of Lithuania, and has agreed to remove most of the 12,000 troops still in Latvia, But it prodded Latvian officials into agreeing last month to allow several hundred soldiers to continue operating the Skrunda ra-dar base, part of the former Soviet early-warning system against missile or homber attacks.

cember's parliamentary elections.

the Foreign Ministry to hold talks

with neighboring states and con-

Russia's military activity in the

"near abroad" has included sup-

port for Tajikistan's pro-Commu-

nist government in a civil war with

democratic reformers and Islamic

rebels, some of whom are trying to

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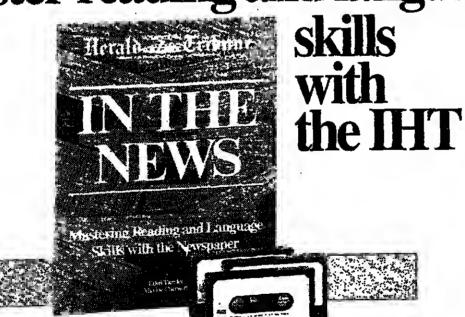
Mr. Yeltsin's decision instructs

About 2,300 Russian troops also are stationed in Estonia, and the latest round of negotiations on their withdrawal ended Wednesday without agreement.



MOSCOW PROTEST - A nuclear power station worker leaning on a picket sign during a demonstration Wednesday at the Russian Parliament building. The workers said government failure to pay their wages could lead to a nuclear disaster.

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Hosokawa's Remark on Quitting Roils Japanese Politics

By David E. Sanger New York Times Service

TOKYO - Japan's embattled prime minister, Morihiro sokawa, further destabilized his government. on W. aday after apparently telling his dinner partners iti previous evening, perhaps in jest, that he was thinking about resigning

Within hours of the time that his guests, two members of parliament from a minor party, stepped out-side the restaurant and told reporters that the 56-yearold prime minister had talked of quitting Mr. Hosokawa denied making the statement.

The two men seemed to suggest that the increasing attacks directed at Mr. Hosokawa because of his family's financial dealings, combined with infighting within his governing coalition, had exhausted Mr.

Hosokawa and led him to question whether he was supposed to serve as his spokesman, chastised the of the drive to light the bureaucracy and party leaders making progress on his ambitious agenda to clean up prime minister for "speaking carelessly," and said "he in his own coalition. and deregulate the country.

While one of the two politicians said he thought the prime minister was quite serious, the other said he thought Mr. Hosokawa was joking.

As the news raced through the city. Mr. Hosokawa called a news conference a little after unidnight to deny that he had talked at all about giving up his post. "I never said anything about quitting," he said with a smile. "I said absolutely nothing that could have been taken to mean I would resign.

But the damage was done, and Mr. Hosokawa's enemies leaped on the remark. Even his chief cabinet secretary, Masayoshi Takemura, who is ostensibly

must be more careful about making remarks that can give rise to misunderstandings."

greatest allies, has been at sharp odds with the prime minister for weeks, and reportedly sees himself as a possible successor.

Senior government officials said that the reported comments, whether true nr not, further damaged Mr. Hosokawa's political credibility at a time when his approval ratings are falling and his program to reinvigorate the country seems stalled. Moreover, they seemed to mesh with a growing sense that Mr. Hoard being held bostage by Mr. Hosokawa's opponents. sokawa is withdrawing into his office and losing much in an attempt to get him to dissolve the Diet.

"He hurt his image, and his room for exercising ive rise in misunderstandings."

political influence. a government official said. "Some
Mr. Takemura, originally one of Mr. Hosokawa's people think be could abandon the whole thing."

Mr. Hosokawa has been under tremendous stress in recent days, as the parliament, or Diet, has demanded details of a \$1 million "loan" he received nearly a decade ago from a trucking company at the center of a major political scandal. He has denied any impropri-ery, but refused to allow aides to testify about their involvement in the deal.

A Mixed Approach By Beijing to U.S.

Dissidents Jailed, Firms Wooed

BELIING - China is mixing a policy of defiance and incentives in its increasingly complicated dealings with the United States.
Chinese leaders began the week with a challenge to U.S. appeals on human rights with their detention

nf a leading dissident, Wei Jing-sheng, and his assistant, Tong Yi. They will end the week by stressing to Washington the stake that American business has in maintaining good relations.

That message will be carried to the United States on Saturday by Song Jian, minister of the State Science Commission, who will conduct talks on scientific cooperation, including business opportunities in environmental protection and energy.

Mr. Song will be followed closely hy Trade Minister Wu Yi, who will be shopping for bidders on 800 investment projects. The Xinhua news agency said Wednesday that Miss Wu's delegation also plans to place orders for hundreds of millions of dollars worth of U.S. goods. Xinhua said she will lead China's largest trade and investment promotion ever in the United States with symposiums in Los Ange's and New York.

n putting on such a promotion now, when the future of U.S.-China trade is strongly in doubt, China is

Albania Editor Is Sentenced

TIRANA, Albania - The chief editor of the weekly newspaper Po-pulli Po, Ilirian Zhupa, 37, was convicted Wednesday of slandering the state security police and sentenced to nne year's probation in connection with an article on the whereahouts of former agents of the Communist-era secret police.

hoping to enlist even more U.S. husinessmen as its advocates in the annual springtime battle over its most-favored-nation trade status.

President Bill Clinton must decide by June 3 whether to renew China's most-favored-nation status, which entitles it to the lowest available tariffs on its exports. Mr. Clinton renewed China's privileges last June but said it would have to improve its treatment of dissidents and Tibetans and take other mea-

sures to win renewal this year. China's disregard of the U.S. conditions was made clear Tuesday when the police announced that they were holding the country's most prominent dissident, Mr. Wei, and considering new criminal

charges against him. On Wednesday, the police confirmed that they were also bolding Mr. Wei's assistant, Miss Tong, his English translator. They said she is being investigated on suspicion of

committing unspecified crimes. Mr. Wei was jailed from 1979 until last September for writing essays and wall posters criticizing the Communist government and demanding democratic change.

U.S. officials, anxious to renew most-favored-nation status without going back on Mr. Clinton's conditions, have been arguing that China has already made progress in the desired direction.

But Robin Munro, the Hong Kong director for Human Rights-/Watch Asia, said that these arguments "would just all ring terribly hollow" if Mr. Wei were sentenced

to a new prison term. Xinhua quoted Miss Wu, the trade minister, as saying in an interview Wednesday that the United States should take positive and pragmatic steps to put aside "man-

made obstacles" to trade.



Tong Yi, aide to Wei Jingsheng. has been detained in China.

quoted the Chinese foreign minister, Qian Qichen, as saying that China was willing to cooperate internationally on human rights issues, as long as countries show muinterfere in others' internal affairs.

Seoul Won't Deal Itself Out It Rejects North's Plan for Talks With U.S.

SEOUL - South Korea has rejected a renewed North Korean proposal that would effectively cut Seoul out of the negotiations on the source said.

Korean nuclear dispute a govern-

ment source said Wednesday. North Knrea wrote to the United States late last month offering to sideling allow a fresh inspection by United tions. Nations officials of its nuclear sites if Washington agreed to negotiate with it and stopped pressuring it to exchange envoys with South Korea, according to published reports.

An exchange of envoys and full nuclear inspections have been preconditions set by the United States for holding high-level talks with North Korea on economic aid and diplomatic recognition.

Early this week, Deputy Foreign Minister Hong Soon Young of South Korea stirred controversy by suade North Korea to open its nu- used to make nuclear weapons.

At a meeting Tuesday, cahinet officials concluded that such a concession would be inappropriate, the

South Korean officials worry that with the envoy swap off the agenda, their country would be sidelined in the nuclear negotia-

North Korea says its nuclear program is peaceful but its yearlong refusal of full inspections has deepened suspicion that it is developing atomic bombs.

Tensions are high on the peninsula, with North Korea threatening war if it is pushed too hard. It rejected a call by the UN Security Council last week for full nuclear inspections and has declared that it will "normalize" its nuclear activi-

It did not define "normalize," suggesting that Seoul should at but officials in Seoul fear this could least consider shelving the envoy mean North Korea will resume tual respect and don't try to exchange as a way of helping per- producing plutonium, which can be

Agency believes that the North has enough plutonium to make at least one atomic bomb.

U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry is to visit Seoul later this month to review the security situatinn. The United States already has decided to deploy Patriot missiles in South Knrea.

In Vienna a North Korean diplomat said his country had to practice self-defense to prevent itself from being "suffocated" by the United States. His interview with the independent daily Der Stan-dard was published Wednesday.

The diplomat, Yun Ho Jin, advisor to Pyongyang's embassy in Vi-euna, charged in the interview that The United States objective is to suffocate North Korea.

"What would your reaction be if someone wanted to kill you?" he asked rhetorically, and answered,

Army Boosts Natal Forces to Back Vote

JOHANNESBURG - The South African Army sent reinforcements to the Zulu heartland in Natal on Wednesday while the Independent Electoral Commission said that elections would go ahead

in Natal and the KwaZulu black homeland since President Frederik W. de Klerk imposed emergency laws last Thursday to halt the violence and enable the country's first all-race elections to proceed.

The army sent 700 more men in a

A separate Xinhua report later

Durban

More troops are to be deployed in the region around April 15, 11 days before polling begins.

there despite widespread violence. More than 110 people have died mate, elections cannot be beld in KwaZulu."

mechanized combat force to Natal on Wednesday, bringing the total there to about 2.000. Captain Kim van Niekerk. a

deploy the group in the north of the province and in flashpoints around

A working committee of the election commission and the South African and KwaZulu governments issued a report this week saying that "in the current political cli-

But the commission chairman. Johan Kriegler, said this did not mean postponement of the April 26-28 polls for the KwaZulu-Natal legislature that comes into existence at the end of the month, or area.

for the national assembly. He said the commission was "di-

The African National Congress leader, Nelson Mandela, echoed Mr. Kriegler's remarks on Wednes-

day in a speech in Durban. There is talk that the elections might be postponed in this province," be said. "Let me tell you there will be no postponement of the elections in this province. We

won't postpone our freedom." Violence has risen in the region despite the state of emergency and the increase in the number of soldiers deployed to help police the

Most of the fighting, which has claimed more than 10,000 lives in recting our efforts to enable as the last decade is between Zulus many people in that province as supporting the ANC and the In-possible to vote." supporting the ANC and the In-katha Freedom Party of Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, which is boycotting the elections.

Mr. de Klerk, Mr. Mandela, Chief Buthelezi and the Zulu king, Goodwill Zwelithini - who has called for a sovereign Zuln state in Natal - are to meet on Friday.

Mr. Kriegler said the commission was undertaking a crash program to boost the capacity of polling stations in Natal, in order to allow people unable to cast their ballots in KwaZulu to vote outside the homeland.

Mexicans Suspect Sinister Forces

Killing Hits Regime Stability

By Tod Robberson

Washington Part Service
MEXICO CITY — Maybe international drug traffickers ordered it. Or perhaps it was the result of a political battle inside the ruling party. Or possibly a settling of old scores within the

Mexican authorities have disclosed no information on who. if anyone, was behind the team now accused of killing the leading presidential candidate, Luis Donaldo Colosio. In the absence of an explanation, many Mexicans found that the government investigator's statement Monday, that at least sev-

en men plotted the mation, raised more questions than it answered and fucled doubts about Mexico's political system.

The horror that Mexicans initially expressed over Mr. Colo-sio's March 23 killing, when the government indicated the gunman was deranged and solitary, has been replaced by nervousness that a broader plot may be afont, and that unknown, sinister forces are undermining President Carlos Salinas de

Gortari's government. It is a perception not merely among peasants and impoverished street vendors hut also among well-educated, wealthy Mexi-

According to a top business-man here, members of Mr. Salinas' cabinet are discussing a supposed "hit list" that targets top officials, and they have demanded increased security around their homes and offices.

Rumors spread through stock markets here and in New York on Tuesday that the Mexican hillionaire Alfredo Harp Helu, a close friend of Mr. Salinas who was kidnapped March 12 on a Mexico City street, had been killed. An official denied the report.

"I don't know what is happening to my country," said Francisco Paredes, a policeman, "My people never thought we would be seeing something like this."

The announcement of a plot hehind Mr. Colosio's assassination is only the latest incident to rattle the Salinas administration and tatter the image of stability and modernity it has tried

A year ago, a Roman Catho-

tout between rival drug gangs in Guadalajara. On Jan. 1, as Mr. Salinas was toasting the start of the North American Free Trade Agreement, Indian peasants unched an armed uprising in southern Mexico. A week later. Mexico City residents were sent into panic when car bombs exploded in two underground parking garages. A week before Mr. Harp was kidnapped, fed-eral and state policemen engaged in a shootout over drugs in Tijuana.

In such an atmosphere, the existence of a plot in Mr. Colofrom the start to many Mexi-

In a country where leaders of the ruling Institutional Revolutiouary Party often have been accused of cheating, threats and bribery charing its 65 years in power, conspiracy does not seem to be out of the question.

"Our politics are undertaken in the darkness, and because of this, we Mexicans believe in conspiracy," said Daniela Garcia, a secretary in a government

Last week, when government officials were portraying the assassination of Mr. Colosio at a campaign rally in Tijuana as the act of a lone, crazed gunman, a poll by the magazine Este Pais showed that 70 percent of respondents did not believe their government was telling them

the truth about the killing. Theories of why members of the party would order the killing of their own presidential candidate vary widely. Some Mexicans suggest that when Mr. Colosio was serving in 1989 as party president, he angered the party's old guard by ceding state gubernatorial elections in Baja California, where Tijuana is located, to the conservative opposition National Action Party. It was the first-ever loss by the party of a governorship, and witnesses say protesters in Trjuana shouted "Death to Colosio" on election night in 1989.

Another theory suggests Mr. Colosio had angered the old guard this year with pledges of major political reform and private threats to investigate wealthy party members who may have gotten rich through



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Attack on Jews in N.Y. Called Revenge for Hebron

NEW YORK — A Lebanese cab driver who allegedly opened fire on a vanload of Jewish students in New York last month wanted to kill Jews because of the Hebron massages.

massacre, a co-defendant in the case said in documents released Wednesday. But the Lebanese-born man charged with being the gunman. Rashid Baz. 28.

said he was the one under attack by the driver of the van and acted out of selfdefense in the shooting. A rabbinical stu-dent, part of the Lubavitcher Hasidic sect. was killed in the March 1 incident.

At the time, officials played down any links to Middle East violence and the killing of 29 Arabs at a mosque just four days before. But statements from a co-defen-dant released Wednesday said Mr. Baz had said he wanted to kill all Jews respon-

sible for the Hebron massacre.

When the killings occurred, "Ray was very angry and mad," said Jordanian-born Bassam Reyati, 26, owner of the Brooklyn taxi service that employed Mr. Baz. "He said we should kill all the Jews who did this." His structured was made to notice this." His statement was made to police after his arrest last month.

"He was always very short-tempered."
Mr. Reyati told the police. Mr. Reyati
referred to Mr. Baz hy his nickname, Ray, throughout his handwritten statement.

Mr. Reyati and Hlal Mohammed, 32, also a Jordanian, are charged with hindering the prosecution and weapons possession in connection with the case. They are accused of helping Mr. Baz after the assault and are each free on \$20,000 bail.

In his own statement to police, also made public Wednesday, Mr. Baz said the van carrying the students across the Brooklyn Bridge cut him off and the stu-dents in the van "began shouting and cursing" at him.

As the two vehicles tried getting onto the bridge, Mr. Baz said he observed the driver of the van point a gun in his direction and fire a shot at his car.

"At this point, Baz said he took a gun from under the front of his vehicle, a weapon he described as an Uzi automatic pistol," and began firing at the van, shattering his own passenger-side window, the police said. He also told the police the van suddenly stopped on the hridge and two or three people got out "and pointed a gun at

Police reports on the incident made no mention of the driver or passengers in the van having a gun.
Mr. Baz faces murder, attempted mur-

der and weapons charges stemming from the shooting, in which Aaron Halberstam. 16, died four days later.

U.S. Hunts More Moscow Moles Ex-Communist Official Triggered Inquiry

By Walter Pincus and Pierre Thomas Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - A former Communist official who in early 1993 pointed U.S. investigators toward the alleged spy Aldrich Hazen Ames also provided information that has triggered investigations of other retired or current employees at the CIA, State Department and FBI, according to government

Details of the investigations are over years.

being closely held within the gov-ernment, and senior officials have declined to discuss them. It could not be determined how many individuals had been targeted or in what specific areas they worked. But the government expects to

move eventually against other cur-rent or former officials for espionage activities during the 1980s. At the same time, administration offi-cials cautioned that such investigations can take considerable time and could in some cases stretch

A counterintelligence source said the information provided last year by the unidentified Communist official bad not named Mr. Ames or anyone else as a double agent, but was stronger than any general the-ory about the existence of one or more moles in U.S. intelligence, and helped investigators narrow

searches they had already begun. Since 1991, FBI and Central Intelligence Agency investigators had been studying intelligence files from East Germany and other former Warsaw Pact countries for leads to possible moles inside the U.S. government that would explain the loss of at least 10 U.S.paid Communist double agents during the last half of the 1980s, sources said.

Mr. Ames had been involved in CIA counterintelligence efforts against the Soviet bloc in the 1980s and had come under suspicion by 1991 as one of some 20 possible suspects. But he was not made the subject of an FBI criminal investigation until May 1993, according

to court records. The Communist official, who was knowledgeable about Soviet intelligence matters, provided information that led investigators to focus on specific areas and ultimately on Mr. Ames, another law enforcement source said. "When the CIA got that information, that's what really got us geared up," this source said.

Although investigators are pursuing the possibility that Mr. Ames received help, either knowingly or unknowingly, from other U.S. government employees, sources dis-couraged the idea of a single spy-ring operating inside the U.S. gov-

The only public reference so far to the extensive inquiries now un-

"There are today," he said, "a number of counterintelligence efforts under way with the FBI, and with the FBI looking at other government agencies as well as our own," Mr. Woolsey added that sources abroad were providing in-

were arrested Feb. 21 after months of investigation that included co-vert searches of his office and home, wiretaps and physical surveillance. Prosecutors have alleged that Mr. Ames began spying for Moscow as early as 1985.

Mr. Ames himself may turn out to be a source of information for government investigators, if he decides at some point to plead guilty and tell the ClA and FBI of any espionage activities.

GATT: Sutherland Gives Hint of Stepping Down as the Director-General BLACKMUN: Liberal Justice to Quit High Court

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such as Malaysia and Singapore. Although he has not communicated his plans to member states, Mr. Sutherland made clear in an interview at his Geneva office on Tuesday that he was unlikely to remain at GATT much beyond

He did not say what he might wish to do next hut he insisted he had "no ambition" to become a candidate to succeed Jacques Delors as president of the European Commission.

Reviewing his role at GATT, which he has

headed since last July, Mr. Sutherland explained that he had completed most of the tasks he had set for himself. He called the conclusion of the Uruguay Round accord last Dec. 15 "a defining moment in the latter part of this century and said he looked forward to the launch of the World Trade Organization.

"I was brought in. I was asked to take this job with the first and primary function of bringing the Uruguay Round to a conclusion," said Mr.

Referring to the setting up of the World Trade Organization, he said "clearly over the next few months there is an implementing process of concern to me." Asked if he expected to remain at GATT beyond the formation of the WTO, Mr. Sutherland said: "I am not prepared to express any long-term commitment to being

An aide to Mr. Sutherland explained that the GATT chief had not discussed any specific new plans or career moves, but he noted: "We don't expect him to stay here much beyond the next

No ohvious candidates have been put forward to succeed Mr. Sutherland, who has not until now discussed his plans to move on.

In Geneva, where GATT envoys will meet Thursday, Mr. Sutherland was husy on Wednesday trying to bridge the gap between

Sutherland. "That will be achieved at Marra- Washington and Paris on the one hand, and the many developing countries who strongly op-pose efforts to link workers' rights with trade on

> Although U.S. officials have stressed that without a commitment to discuss labor standards they will block the final declaration at Marrakech as well as the work of the preparatory committee for the WTO, Singapore's representative — Ambassador Krishnasamy Kesavapany - on Wednesday night expressed cautious optimism.

"It is better to find a solution in Geneva than: in the charged atmosphere of Marrakech," he

If a compromise is not reached Thursday, the issue of workers' rights and trade will be discussed by ministers next week in Marrakech. Mickey Kantor, the U.S. trade representative, is already scheduled to meet with Gérard Longuet, the French trade and industry minister, to discuss the subject.

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putting up with the like of me."
Explaining his decision to retire, he said: "Eighty-five, that's an awful lot of years, and I don't want o reach a point where my senility level reaches unacceptable proportions. I don't want to set any records. And I suspect a lot of people feel that I've been here too long. Stephen Breyer of Massachusetts.

"I think either one could be confirmed," said Senator Patrick J. Leahy, Democrat of Virginia, a member of the Senate Indiciary Committee.

Mr. Mitchell, speaking in South

Asian countries are questioning whether they should continue to

rely too heavily on Japan as an

Malaysian prime minister, com-

plained the other day that Mitsubi-

shi Motors Corp. was too slow in

transferring key technology for Malaysia's national car and said that he could turn to European,

American or other Japanese com-

panies if Mitsuhishi continued to

drag its feet.
The venture is part of an amhi-

tious plan to industrialize Malay-

"Our imitation of the Japanese

pan was a success story," said

Lee Poh Ping, a Malaysian political

tions between Southeast Asia and

Mahathir hin Mohamad, the

economic partner.

Portland, Maine, said, "Nothing has been offered to me, so I have

nothing to consider at this time." He added that if he were offered the joh. "I will consider it, as I will consider any option that is presented to me." Other possible choices included two federal appeals court judges, Richard Arnold of Arkansas and

The Associated Press reported: Early speculation on a successor to Justice Blackmun centered on Mr. Mitchell, who is a former federal judge, and Interior Secretary

Judge Breyer was a finalist before Ruth Bader Ginshurg was picked for the Supreme Court last year. Other possibilities include Walter Dellinger, a Justice Department of-

could provide a key vote on a court considered a leading candidate hadly split on such volatile issues as to succeed Justice Blackmun. church-state relations and affirmative action. "The speculation in the Senate is that Senator Mitchell is the clear

trial judge of Connecticut.

favorite," said Senator Hank Brown, Republican of Colorado, a Judiciary Committee member. Justice Blackmun's authorship of Roe v. Wade made him one of the most vilified Supreme Court members in history, although he

remains a hero to proponents of legalized abortion. He also said re-

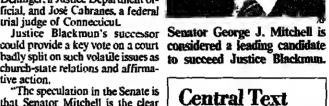
cently that he no longer would vote to uphold the death penalty. He said of his vote in the landmark abortion rights case, "I think it was right in 1973 and I think it

was right today." Abortion opponents said their satisfaction over Justice Blackmun's pending departure was tem-pered by the knowledge that Mr. Clinton would nominate someone

with similar views. Justice Blackmun, the court's senior member, was appointed in 1970 by President Richard Nixon.

In a 1983 interview with The Associated Press on the eve of his most famous decision's 10-year an-niversary. Justice Blackmun repeated the phrase "author of the abortion decision" slowly and soft-

"We all pick up tabs," he said. "I'll carry this one to my grave,"



Of Roe Ruling

WASHINGTON --- Justice Harry Blackmun, who announced his retirement from the Supreme Court on Wednesday, was best known for the opinion he wrote in 1973 in the case of Roe vs. Wade, a ruling that legalized nationwide a woman's right to have an abortion.

The nub of the argument that the majority of the court endorsed was this:

"The right of privacy, whether it be founded in the Fourteenth Amendment's concept of personal liberty and restrictions upon state action as we feel; or, as the District Court determined, in the Ninth Amendment's reservation of rights to the people, is broad enough to encompass a woman's decision whether or not to terminate her pregnancy. The detriment a state would impose on a pregnant woman by denying this choice altogether is apparent.

der way came last month when the director of central intelligence, R. James Woolsey Jr., was asked in a televisioo interview if "Ames was a rogue operative or part of a larger problem?

formation for the inquiries.

Mr. Ames and his wife, Rosario.

JAPAN: Southeast Asian Countries Lose Confidence in the Model of Economic 'Supermen'

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vices, the oil and gas industry and

manufacturing.
"They are still here in strength but it does seem as though they have discovered another favorite son," he added, in reference to Chi-

In the six months to September, Japanese investment in China

Pakistan Pipeline Blast Disrupts Gas Supplies

ISLAMABAD, Pakisian - Fuel and power supplies to several Pakistant cities have been stashed following an explosion that set ablaze a pipeline near the country's main gas reserves in southwestern Balu-

chistan officials said Wednesday. Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto has ordered an investigation into the causes of the blast that set the high pressure pipeline on fire on Tuesday. Local officials ruled out the possibility of sabotage,

Japanese firms, it rose by 35 percent to \$618 million,

In the same period, Japanese investment in Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand dropped by 33 percent to \$984 million. In Singapore, it increased by just under 3 percent to \$331 mil-

C. H. Kwan, senior economist and head of Asian research at Nomura Research Institute Ltd. in Tokyo, said that more and more Japanese firms favored China over Southeast Asia "because China, with its large population and high growth rate, promises to become an important market over the medium

He added that this consideration had become "all the more imporprolonged recession in the industrialized countries has prompted Japanese companies to develop new

Mainly because Japan sells far more than it buys from the region, delay and weaken any economic med Ahmed, 35.

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in detail.

jumped 58 percent to \$695 million, while in Hong Kong, which serves as a gateway to China for many

Asia replaced the European Union tupturn" in Japan, Mr. Sadh added. In a recent report to the Pacific exaction account deficit with Japan in the Economic Cooperation Council, a With Japan in trouble, Southeast account deficit with Japan in the Economic Cooperation Council, a six months to September.

According to Japanese figures, Japan's surplus with non-Commut Asian nations in the period was this year, and 2.7 percent in 1995, \$28 hillion, up from \$19.5 hillion a year earlier. Many Southeast Asian business-

men and officials are concerned

that weak coalition government in

Japan, as well as nagging trade con-flict between Tokyo and Washington, are undermining chances of a Japanese economic recovery. Reflecting that view, Mr. Naquiyuddin noted that "all the economically successful regimes in

Asia today have strong, stable gov-Mohammed Sadli, a former Indonesian cabinet minister, said that he was surprised to find on a visit tant as rising protectionism and the to Japan that Japanese businessmen were no longer confident as they had been in previous recessions, that the economy would

borrnce back.

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economies in the region would feel

might be too optimistic and that all

panel of 18 economists from Pacif-

ie rim nations warned that fore-

casts of 1.1 percent growth in Japan

CAIRO — A Sudanese man hijacked a Sudan Air Boeing 737 air-liner on Wednesday to the Egyptian town of Luxor where he surrendered and asked for political asylum, airport and security

Officials at Luxor airport said none of the 93 passengers and six crew aboard the Sudan Air flight were injured. A Luxor airport spokesman identified the hijacker

"This crisis of confidence may as Adel Mahjoub Hussein Moham- supermen," he said. "It is clear they lay and weaken any economic med Ahmed, 35.

Is Hijacked to Egypt

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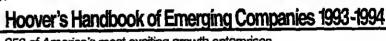
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OPINION

The Fed Should Wait

The Dow Jones industrial stock average soared more than 80 points on Tuesday, hringing relief to anxious investors. But the ups and downs of the stock market are more mportant to them than to other citizens. Even severe gyrations in the stock market often have no effect on jobs or the rest of the American economy. President Bill Clinton points out what truly matters: The economy is expanding at a brisk pace, employers cre-ated a buge number of jobs last month, and inflation is subdued so far.

The White House knows that keeping recovery alive is paramount. That is wby it got upset about the recent run-up in long-term interest rates. Companies use long-term rates to calculate whether it makes sense to invest in new plants and equipment. If these rates were to stay high, let alone rise further, business investment could be choked off and recovery stunied. Administration officials railed this week against high interest rates, a signal that they wanted the Federal Reserve Board to put off further rate increases. The Fed would be wise 10 take heed.

It brought about short-term rate increases of a quarter of a percentage point in both February and March because the economy had grown at a surprisingly brisk pace at the end of 1993 and looked poised to continue to grow quickly. The strong growth raised fears m financial markets that inflation would pick up. Those fears would cause lenders to boost long-term rates to offset the expected inflation, thereby threatening to attenuate the recovery. The Fed hoped, hy raising short-term rates early, to convince financial markets that

it would not let inflation get out of hand. That way, long-term rates could stay low. That was the theory. The markets, for un-

known reasons, reacted otherwise, driving up long-term rates despite the Fed announce ment. Yet most economists and, at the time, the Clinton administration agreed with the Fed's policy. Waiting too long to control in-flation can be fatal; once inflation rates march upward, they can be controlled only by clamp-ing down hard on the economy. In the early

1980s the Fed pushed the economy. In the early
1980s the Fed pushed the economy into a steep
recession to overcome an inflationary surge.
There are experts who say the Fed's preemptive strike against inflation was premature. They bolster their case by pointing to
data indicating that the economy is not overheated. Unemployment rates, though down, still exceed 6 percent; inflation remains inconsequential, and growth has slowed since the end of last year to a modest 3 percent annual rate. For these critics, the Fed's rate increases were unwarranted.

Whether the Fed or its critics are right is not clear. What is certain is that the Fed has acted responsibly. But the chaotic events of the past week, especially in the bond markets, should caution it against proceeding with any further rate increases lest they bave unpredictable effects. The Fed set out in February to slow recovery from its brisk pace and thereby keep inflation under control. The economy has slowed; interest rates rose; prices are rising slowly. The prudent course would be for the Fed to declare tentative victory and wait before clamping down any harder.

— THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Not Quite a Crash

While some investors bave suffered tremendous losses on the stock market in the past week, the deep slide in prices does not - so far -constitute anything like a crisis. That is. the losses do not threaten the performance of the rest of the U.S. economy. Banks and brokerages have lost money, but not enough to jeopardize the stability of the financial system.

Of the three sbarp drops in the stock market in the past decade, this one appears to be by far the least dangerous. From the middle of March through Monday, stock prices fell by about 7 percent and then recovered about one-fourth of that loss on Tuesday. In the crash of October 1987, prices fell by 20 percent in one day alone. In the mini-crash two years later the fall was less, but it look place amid the collapse of the junk bond market and at a time when the cleanup of the thrift industry had reached a crucial point. The banks are generally much stronger today than they were then, and the chance of institutional

But if the general outlonk is more reassuring than after the last two downdrafts in the market, even this latest one carries a clear warning. It is a reminder that speculative markets are inherently volatile and that the amounts of money at stake there have been

rising rapidly — much faster than the rest of the economy has been growing. These markets. are now closely integrated with others abroad, which means that no one country's government is, by itself, able to control or regulate them adequately. Meanwhile, ingenious traders have invented a profusion of new instruments which, while they may not make the markets less stable, certainly make them more complex and harder to oversee effectively.

All of these changes together - more money on the markets, more complexity in trading techniques, much larger international flows of money — are producing great and continuing turbulence in the financial world. America's success in getting through three stock market convulsions in seven years does not mean that public policy can relax and ignore them. To the contrary, it is only because of the vigilance and skill of several government agencies, primarily the Federal Reserve Board, that the market's slides and crashes have done little harm other than to individual investors. If the United States is lucky, this latest episode will turn out to be relatively minor. But even this one will require, when it is over, a careful examination to ensure that all of the financial system's bulwarks held up firmly under the stress.

— THE WASHINGTON POST.

Russian Troops Off-Limits

them near its southern borders, especially in the troubled Caucasus region. But that would exceed the force limits that were negotiated before the breakup of the Soviet Union and are due to take effect in November 1995. Moscow has asked the United States and other signatories to rewrite the treaty to permit the redeployment. Washington is right to oppose it, since more Russian troops in the region would increase insecurity throughout Eastern Europe.
But Washington could find other ways to

satisfy Russia's concerns in the Caucasus, and in so doing head off attempts by army hardliners to use this issue against Boris Yeltsin and to rally opposition to the treaty as an unfair restriction on Russia's sovereignty.

The treaty cutting conventional forces in Europe was signed before the breakup of the Soviet Union. The idea of limiting forces on the southern and northern flanks of the old Soviet Union came from Turkey, with backing from Nordic members of NATO. They worried that forces that had been withdrawn to satisfy ceilings in Eastern Europe would be redeployed in the Soviet republics near their borders.

Last September, Russia tried to have the limits suspended because il wanted to put more forces in the Caucasus military district to counter restiveness in that region. And it warned darkly about the rise of fundamental-

Russia, having withdrawn its forces from ism farther to the south and east in Central Eastern Europe, wants to redeploy some of Asia. Ukraine joined in the effort to get the treaty changed because it stipulated that no more than 7 percent of Ukraine's forces could be stationed in the Odessa military district abutting Russia — which takes up nearly onefourth of its territory.

But nothing in the treaty would prevent Russia from redeploying some forces from north to south within the flank area. It may also transfer additional armored personnel carriers from the army to internal security units, thereby getting around the treaty limit on combat vehicles. That would satisfy its need to secure regions within Russian Without unduly alarming Turkey, whose borders are now buffered from Russia's by the newly independent republics of Georgia and Armenia.

The more difficult issue is whether to pennit Russian troops to be sen! to Georgia, Armenia or Azerbaijan, ostensibly for peacekeeping. That troubles Turkey. It also stirs fears in Washington of a revival of Russian imperialism. A Russian redeployment might be permitted under the conventional force reduction treaty but only for peacekeeping missions approved by the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe or the United Nations Security Council. That would deny the imperialists in Russia an excuse to throw their weight around, both at home and abroad - or to breach limits on forces in its flank areas.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

We are a much more fragmented nation than them to say "This is a job really worth doing."
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Europeans and committed to it. We're in a

very big world and we're now very lonely.

We have lost nearly all our navy and air force and so on. We're a pretty ordinary little



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The President Can't Lead by Following Congress

WASHINGTON — On health care, jobs and other domestic priorities, the Senate and the House are for Bill Clinton movable objects: legislative bodies susceptible to the force of persuasion, leadership or borse trading. But when it comes to foreign policy, the 535 Right Honorables of Capitol Hill suddenly become King Congress: a policy behamoth who must be placated, whose clear support must be present, up-front, for Mr. Clinton to take on the hard cases of world leadership.

Challenge the administration on its overall timidity on the Balkans, confusion on buman rights and China or inconsistency of purpose on Somalia, and officials will trot out opposition by King Congress as a major part of the reason wby they cannot do more, or why they did what they did.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher returns from a controversial trip to Beijing feeling that his critics are off base because they ignore the fact that the administration's China policy has been crafted

to defuse congressional pressure to punisb China as well as prod Beijing into action on human rights. Defense Secretary William Peny begins a dis-cussion with reporters about the use of force abroad by listing the support of Congress as the sine qua non. At the White House, the National Security Council staff director. Nancy Soderberg defends decisions on Northern Ireland and Greece by explaining, "If you try to make these decisions in a vacuum, without the support of Congress, you will lose the support of the American people. Some of this is commonplace, some of it a

rationalization for avoiding unpopular decisions.

By Jim Hoagland

President Clinton's foreign policy team seems at times frozen in a pose of looking over the shoulder at congressional and public reaction to their military and political initiatives. But something larger is happening as a president who is interventionis and liberal at bome defers frequently and openly to Congress and to public opinion on foreign

affairs. He makes Congress more than a coequal in foreign policy. He makes it a lodestar. The half-century era of the Imperial Presidency is being laid to rest in the Cimton years. This president's formative political experiences involved controversies over the arrogance of power and its abuses in the Oval Office. He has communicated to his aides his distaste for and distrust of the mode of leadership that led to excess.

At one level, that change is prudent and salutary. Vietnam, Watergate and Iran-contra were products of the Imperial Presidency mentality. The Clinton approach echoes the American public's disillusion with risk-taking abroad as the threat of a nuclear Doomsday recedes.

Mr. Clinton's Unimperial Presidency also matches the financial constraints that deficit reduction imposes. Congress refuses to provide the money required for an innovative foreign policy. Defense spending will by 1996 be 40 percent lower than it was a decade earlier, according to Mr. Perry.

But running scared in front of Congress, and operating as if the United States were too poor to

lead and too divided to rule, has a downside. With its conflicting constituency interests, Congress can never lead on foreign policy. It can only react, criticize and restrict when that suits congressional

self-interest. On foreign policy, Congress is a large ship without an anchor, bouncing from swell to swell and swamping those who follow in its wake. President Clinton is likely to be re-elected, or defeated, in 1996 on the strength or weakness of the economy in that year. His political advisers, such as James Carville, feel that foreign policy will play almost no role in that campaign. Their implicit message to Mr. Clinton: Don't tangle with Congress on foreign policy. Most of all don't tangle with the Democratic leadership. Make trade-offs to get your domestic programs passed.

That message fits the tendency of Mr. Clinton's generation to have overlearned the lessons of Vietnam and of his administration to overlearn the lessons of Somalia, a case that could have turned out differently and more positively with applied and consistent presidential leadership.

On trade and other international economic issues,

this administration understands that failing to lead when the opportunity presents itself is failing peri-od. Other actors and forces would fall the inevitable vacuum, bringing unwelcome results for the nation. That remains true in the area of traditional diplomatic and political global strategy as well.

A modern president's fate is to lead, at home and abroad. Mr. Clinton will have to be a lodestar on foreign policy, rather than following one. The Washington Post

Their Confidence in a New Hong Kong Is Misplaced

HONG KONG—Beijing's policy for Hong Kong, which becomes a "Special Administrative Region" of China in 1997, is inconsistent and bewildering. Like a kaleidoscope, it presents a different picture from instant to instant.

One moment Beijing promises loudly that the economic and social systems of the British colony will remain unchanged for the first 50 years of Chinese rule. The next moment it swears that it will demolish the administrative and legal framework that has supported Hong Kong's impressive economic growth, to create systems more like China's autocracy.

Chinese investment in Hong Kong certainly amounts pow to tens of hillions of dollars, although the exact figure is unknown. That money ap-pears to pledge that Beijing will make use of, not destroy, the territory's financial and commercial power. Yet Beijing's representatives denounce the building of a major airport designed partly to ensure that the territory re-mains a bnb of trade and finance.

In the beginning such contradic-tions and abrupt shifts in policy alarmed the people of Hong Kong. Shares would plummet, as did land values. The highly competent middle class, prime mover of the Hong Kong miracle, would nervously search for safe havens outside the territory.

BANGKOK — Memories of Treaty Ports, the Committeen,

even the Crusades are seeping back.

There has been in recent times a rise

in assumptions of extraterritoriality.

- the idea that one group's laws or

practices are so superior that they should be enforced on others.

moral arrogations are being driven by mankind's better instincts. The

principle is harder to challenge if

California may have initiated the

resurrection of extraterritoriality by

trying to tax corporations doing business in the state on the basis of a

portion of their global incomes. That

could have been rebuffed as U.S. imperialism at work. But there were

plenty of companies and govern-ments (including the U.S. federal government) on hand with their own

self-interested motives for opposing

it. The ethics/imperialism question

But now we have more difficult issues. Start with whether labor

rights questions should, as the United States and France want, be

included in GATT discussions of

what is or is not free and fair trade.

Those familiar with developing countries know that child labor and

other labor abuses exist: they also

know that these are tiny factors in

competitiveness. They are most

common in countries that play a

Such abuses are being seized on

for the most obvious protectionist

purposes. But such crude agendas work. In the developed world, well-

meaning, cause-oriented people

latch on to them. The developing

mall role in international trade.

did not have to be addressed

the objective appears noble.

Most worryingly, some of these

By Robert Elegant

These days, consternation no longer follows every switch in Beijing's pronouncements. And most of those who are able to leave have already done so, or found bolt-holes abroad that they can fly to should the need arise. instead of panicking, the makers and shakers of Hong Kong assure themselves that the lerritory and adjacent Southern China now form a

single integrated economy. Most of Hong Kong's industrial production has moved across the border to exploit cheap labor in Southern China. Whatever was going to bappen, members of Hong Kong's elite tell

each other, has already happened. They then get back to making vast sums by speculating in land, build-ings and shares. The mental gymnastics required for

such specious self-assurance are simple. The fat cats of Hong Kong are deeply interested only in amassing and displaying wealth. They can therefore readily convince themselves that the takeover will change nothing that truly matters because Beijing encourages its own people to grow rich and tolerates the consequent ostentation.

Besides, they say, Beijing will not act against its self-interest: to preserve Hong Kong as a source of foreign exchange, capital and know-how.

They Mind Other People's Business

By Philip Bowring

world is immediately on the defen-

sive because few dare utter the

words "So what, that's our busi-

ness, they're our children."

Extraternitoriality on labor rights
cun at least be spotted easily as

having some identifiable economic

objective. But what should we make

of Australia's determination - fol-lowing the Scandinavian example

- to prosecute its own citizens for

risdictions? This is as outrageous as

citizens of those countries expect-ing to be treated abroad under the

same laws — for example, on drug possession or murder — that would

apply at home. It is an affront to the foreign countries (mostly Thailand and the Philippines), implying that Australia is both more moral and

more effective in law enforcement.

very effective in prosecuting sex of-fenses against minors. But the same

judgments could be applied to mur-ders in the United States, police

corruption in Sydney or drug dealing in most of Europe.

How will an Australian court as-

sume that it can convict on the basis

of evidence that must be gathered

in Thailand but is not even the

subject of a prosecution in Thai-

land? But Australians apparently
"feel good about" their blow

against sex crimes overseas. Few

dare oppose it for fear of appearing

This will set a good example for any availables who may wish to

prosecute Iranian women returning

to sympathize with pedophiles.

Certainly, the Philippines is not

sex offenses committed in other ju-

This self-deception overlooks some major factors. The Chinese Communist leadership consistently values political goals above economic well-being. Why else the massacre, televised worldwide, of bundreds of students and workers in 1989? Such atrocity was certain to burt China's economic growth, but the autocrats chose to exert raw power to preserve their per-

sonal authority and privileges. Clearly, Beijing's priorities and view of its self-interest are not the same as Hong Kong's. Besides, the economic consequences of 1989 were soon overcome. China's sheer size as a potential market and enormous manufacturer has virtually overwhelmed the initial international horror at Beijing's bar-barity. From Japan to Europe and North America, entrepreneurs are rushing to invest and sell.

Another complication is Beijing's faltering grip on the regions. More and more, the decrees of the center are ignored or diluted in the provinces. Effective devolution of power could work in favor of Hong Kong.

However, Beijing is likely to re-main strong enough in 1997 to exert direct control over Hong Kong, Beijing will be eager to prove that it has not given up its commitment to be a "socialist market economy." It is of-

home for "immodest" behavior abroad. It is also a line of argument

similar to that used in Libya in

refusing to allow those accused in the Lockerbie bombing to stand tri-

al where the crime was committed.

Asian countries are making a na-

tionalistic song and dance about

subjecting foreigners to the laws and punishments that apply locally

— then proceeding to make exam-ples of the foreigners by imposing extra harsb penalties.

Another extraterritoriality issue

is emerging from the anti-tobacco

crusade that is gaining momentum in the United States and is sure to copied down to the last contrived cough in Britain and Australia.

U.S. firms (more because of pres

sure from a few zealots than be-cause of the democratic will or

management imperatives) are im-

posing the politically correct U.S.

norms on societies which have de-tided that smoking is an acceptable vice — not good, but less harmful than the various alternatives. It

must be especially galling for citi-zens of societies such as Japan and

South Korea, known as much for their discipline and longevity as for their consumption of cigarettes, to

find that even their own workplaces

have to abide by such rules. They

find it even more amazing when the

anti-smoking obsession comes from a nation huili on the tobacco trade.

Orwell's vision is not One can al-

most hear an animal chorus march-

ing out of Washington chanting "Colas good, tobacco bad ..."

International Herald Tribune.

Communism may be dead but

The flip side to this is that certain

and displaying wealth for a few years after 1997. But in the end it must interfere substantially. China's Communist cadres cannot admit that they do not understand the cap-italist marketplace, and so they will not be able to keep their hands off the machinery. They want a Chinese

ten fancifully argued that it is in Chi-na's interest to treat Hong Kong so that it is an example to Taiwan of the

benevolence Taiwan could expect if reunited with the mainland. In fact,

Hong Kong is more likely to be made

an example of firmness to those ele-

ments within China that seek to shake off Beijing's rule.

Hong Kong to continue amassing

Beijing may allow the fat cats of

financial and commercial center. not one tinged by British rule. Most portentous is the dedication of a powerful group in China to destroying Hong Kong's preeminence and shifting its functions to Shanghai, which was once the financial and commercial bub of East Asia.

Shanghai is being developed with frantic haste, as if bricks and steel, skyscrapers and highways were responsible for Hong Kong's preeminence, rather than the skill and ambitions of its people, or the hospitable environment for growth created by

reasonably evenhanded British rule.

The Pu Dong area of Shanghai, east of the Huang Pu River, is being transformed by construction of office buildings, botels and apartment blocks in great numbers. So far Pu Dong has many vacant buildings and very few inhabitants, but powerful figures in China are determined that

Shanghai will supplant Hong Kong. Those who believe that the territory will endure the transition with everything important unchanged are wrong. After 1997, Hong Kong will be very different.

The writer, a former Asia correspon-dent whose novel, "The Everlasting Sor-row," has just been published, is a fellow at the Institute of Advanced Study in Berlin. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

seized by a common convulsion. From Leipzig to Vladivostok, birth and marriage rates are plummeting and death rates are soaring. No one, East or West, predicted such violent tremos. These trends are no statistical fluke. When birth and death registration is nearly complete, as it is in all these countries, population data can easily be checked for inconsistencies. There is nothing intrinsically wor-

A Mystery:

Less Birth,

More Death

By Nicholas Eberstadt

WASHINGTON — The strange

population trends that have gripped the former Soviel Union since the fall of communism in 1989 — many fewer babies being born, many

more people dying -have been wide-

ly reported in recent months. But the demographic calamity covers a much

broader region than these reports

Statistics from official agencies in

Russia and Eastern Europe paint a

portrait of a vast and diverse region

would have one believe.

risome about declining population growth or even declining population. West Germany, after all, did rather well in the 1970s and 80s. But sudden sharp changes in birth and death rates are indicators of societies in extreme distress - societies unable to cope with bealth problems that were once routine.

From 1989 to the first half of 1993. according to official data, the birth-rate fell by more than 20 percent in Poland, around 25 percent in Bulgar-ia, 30 percent in Estonia and Romania, 35 percent in Russia and more than 60 percent in Eastern Germany. In the past, such abrupt shocks were observed in industrial societies only in wartime.

Perhaps even more alarming is the surge in mortality in the former Soviet bloc. Even sturdy age groups have been stricken, even in relatively welloff areas. From 1989 to 1991, the death rate rose by nearly 20 percent for Eastern German women in their late 30s, and nearly 30 percent for men of the same age. In 1992 and 1993, Eastern Germany buried two people for every baby born. Infant mortality is reported rising not only in Russia but also in Bulgaria, Latvia, Moldova, Romania and Ukraine,

The post-Communist population crisis is puzzling — and all the more disturbing — in that it does not seem to be associated with any particular social conditions, economic policies or political arrangements.

A leap in death rates may be all too understandable in Russia, where the medical system has broken down, antique diseases like dipotheria are out of control and dozens of bomeless vagrants die in train stations every month. But how to explain the leap in Eastern Germany, where traffication has led to major improvements in living standards and medical care?

Or in Poland, where the falling birthrale and rising death rate have coincided with "shock therapy" market reforms and the transition to democratic pluralism?

Uncertain though the causes may still be, it is all loo apparent that the adjustment to life after communism is proving traumatic. Is it entirely coincidental that every Communist regime with falling death rates is still in power — China, Cuba, North Ko-rea, Vietnam — while virtually every post-Communist government is re-porting sharp deterioration in health?

A significant exception is the Czech Republic, where post-Communist demographic shocks have been mildest and liberalization appears to be moving forward most smoothly.

The demographic shocks warrant concern, and not only on humanitar-ian grounds. In the modern world, where bealth progress is all but taken for granted, significant and general increases in mortality always betoken social instability, governmental fra-gility or both. A debilitated labor force augurs poorly for the transition to an affluent market economy.

It is ominous that three of the countries in demographic crisis — Russia. Ukraine and Belarus — have nuclear weapons. For that reason if no other. policymakers in Washington would be well advised to pay close attention to the population trends of the post-Communist regions.

Demography may not be destiny.
but until stability is achieved and the

post-Communist landscape becomes familiar to Western eyes, mundane tallies of hirths, marriages and deaths can belp make sense of this troubled. confusing and potentially explosive expanse of the globe.

The writer, a researcher with the American Enterprise Institute, contributed this comment to The New York Times. A longer version will appear in the summer issue of The National Interest ational Interest.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: An Indian Rising NEW YORK - The military au-

thorities at Fort Reno, Oklahoma, have received further information of the Indian outbreak. It is known that at least thirty lives have been lost. Several groups of settlers have already gone to the scene of trouble to render what assistance they can. The render what assistance they can. The Indians engaged are not under the leadership of Chief Whirlwind, as was at first believed, but are followers of Red Moon. Fighting is taking place on the banks of the Wichita River, about 115 miles west of El Remo.

1919: Poland's Cause

PARIS - M. Paderewski, the Polish Premier, who incarnates his country's passionate yearning for free, national life, reached here yesterday morning [April 6]. He has come to plead at the Peace Conference the cause of Poland, to justify her claims and aspira-tions. The HERALD'S special corre-spondent, Mr. Cameron Mackenzie.

reports: M. Paderewski will feel that he bas lost, if at the Peace Conference be cannot win those things which be deems needful for a strong, an inde-pendent, a unified Polish state. Very probably be feels that the common wealth of his vision must have a port, it must have its fuel supply. Also there must be credit to re-establish the nation's industries, stripped and left stagnant by the Germans.

1944: Italian Coalition SORRENTO, Italy — [From our New York edition:] Leaders of the six

Italian opposition parties virtually agreed today [April 6] to participate in a coalition "war government" of liberated Italy If and when King Victor Emmanuel III retires, by designating Crown Prince Humbert as his "lieutenant." The Junta of the six parties expressed confidence that the initiation of negotiations would bring a complete and utick solution to the present Italian crisis without waiting for the liberation of Rome."

Britain a Lonely Little Nation we used to be, and the class divisions are still pretty deep in society. There is a growing gap between rich and poor. The education system, which used to be second to none, is now pretty mediocre. We are not giving teachers the re-sources or the kind of salary that will motivate

a fragmented, divided society which has lost its empire. The Commonwealth doesn't really mean very much anymore. We're not quite yet

nation and yet we don't realize it. Excerpts from remarks by the archbishop

of Canterbury, George Carey, as quoted in The Daily Telegraph (London).

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The Monsters' Mediocrity Makes Them No Less Evil

Paris was summer trial in Paris was supposed to be another trial of the century," but has proved to be nothing of the kind. The implications have not yet been faced of the fact that the people put on trial for the genocidal crimes disfiguring the 20th century have repeatedly proved to be moral mediocri-ties. None of the ties. None of them — Touvier, Barbie, Fichmann, among others — has demonstrated a stature appropriate to the evil

strated a stature appropriate to the evil of the events in which each figured. Mr. Torvier, officer of the wartime Vichy French political police, is charged with a "crime against humanity" for his part in the execution of seven Jewish hostages in 1944, in reprisal for the French Resistance's killing of the Vichy government's information minister. government's information minister.

He turns out to bave been an unim-portant midlevel officer in the paramili-

People insisted that nothing connected with Hitler's genocide could be called 'banal.' But that, as the Touvier trial reminds us, is exactly the horror of it.

tary "Milice," an anti-Semitic functionary of limited responsibilities and modest intelligence. His lawyer has claimed that he was actually "a Schindler" who saved Jewish lives by reducing the number of hostages actually killed from the 30 allegedly demanded by the German authorities to a "mere" seven. This presumptuous line of defense collapsed when Mr. Touvier's notebooks from the 1980s were produced in court, rife with batred and anti-Semitic comments on current events.

The only interest connected with this insignificant figure is how he managed to find sympathy over the years among well-meaning French Catholic clergy. and wby President Georges Pompidou could have been persuaded to lift the sole legal constraint weighing upon him in 1971, an interdiction on residing in the area of his family home.
The statute of limitations by 1971

prevented his retrial on the charges for which be was twice sentenced to death in absentia immediately after the war. However, presidential clemency actu-ally attracted attention to his case and eventually resulted in the present trial on a new charge of crime against bumanity, for which, in France, jeopardy is unlimited.

At the time of the Eichmann trial in Israel in 1960, Hannah Arendt provoked much controversy, which persists even today, by characterizing the evidence of Adolf Eichmann's crimes as demonstration of the "banality"

of evil. People insisted that nothing connected with Hiller's genocide could be called "banal."

But that is exactly the horror of it: Monstrous crimes are committed or abetted by mediocrities like Eichmann and Touvier, merely following standard procedures. Even those like the German officer Klaus Barbie, sentenced to life imprisonment for atrocities committed as SS chief in Lyon, who demonstrated personal enthusiasm in torturing his vic-

tims, seem more sadists than Satans. These trials have turned up no Mephistopheles, and this is why they frustrate the public. People want to believe that cnormous evils, like the Shoah, require exceptional executants. If the people who commit these crimes are banal and ordinary, why are they different from the rest of us? And if they are not in fact so different, what does that suggest

about ourselves? They pose the possibility that in given circumstances the rest of us might find ourselves committing crimes against humanity. For Americans, one of the lessons of the Vietnam War was that wellintentioned young men can in extreme conditions commit atrocities, as was the case for the American Division platoon that massacred 347 unarmed civilians at My Lai in 1968, and whose members were never punished in a manner appropriate to their crimes.

The political interest of the Touvier trial lies chiefly in its having again posed a problem of the national responsibility of France for the Vichy government and its crimes. Conservatives have mostly preferred to equivocate on this subject, but Socialist President François Mitterrand has himself explicitly and repeat-edly refused to acknowledge that the French Republic bears any responsibility for the Vichy regime and its acts.

The events of the period now are much studied and discussed, but official France treats the Vicby period as a parenthesis in French history, possessing no political or moral connection to what went before or came after, Yet, the facts are that the properly elected parliament of the French Third Republic, in legal session, voted full powers to Marshal Philippe Petain in July 1940, after France's defeat by Germany, by 569 votes to 80. The Petain government's legitimacy was contested only long after that vote.

Great crimes do not demand great criminals. This is an unpalatable fact, but to resist it is to resist not only the evidence of history but responsibility for what could lie in the future. Those who believe that great evils are only committed by exceptional people will be at a loss when they find themselves in circomstances where the easy course, the persuasive course, the all but irresistible course, will be to do what is asked and not think about the consequences.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Selective Memories

Regarding the report "Ally of Berlusconi Praises Mussolini as 'Greatest Statesman'" (April 2) by Alan Cowell:

Too few people outside Italy realize how many Italians — incloding those who consider themselves antifascist who consider themselves an action retain a high regard for Mussolini. Many are perfectly happy to think that he was a brilliant man who was either misled by his more strident advisers or brought down by circumstance. "He was O.K. until be allied himself with Hitler," is a common argument. This way, some Italians can feel a little less foolish for having followed "the clown" down the road to ruin.

But the pobce state suppressions and the imperial adventures predated the so-called Pact of Steel, and Italians should take note lest their hazy memories lead them astray. Even as a pale imitation of Hitler, Mussolini was a monster and the perpetrator of crimes against humanity. Gianfranco Fini is a fascist; he must be understood and dealt with as such. THOMAS L. SCHUMACHER.

State of the Culture

Regarding "A U.S. Tempest in o French Demitasse" (Opinion, April 4) by Jacques Toubon:

Not until I read this article by Mr. Toubon, the French culture minister, did I realize the seriousness of the state of French culture in general and of the French language in particular.

I am certain that few Americans are

aware of France's language crisis. Those who care and read about international

events are more impressed by France's radical right, its stonewalling on GATT, the continual caving in by the Balladur government to any public displays of displeasure, the shrill French govern-ment reaction to the obvious popularity in France of American movies and television programs.

the United States, would need to have a culture minister. Having read this article. I know why. K, W. BONNER.

I bad wondered why France, unlike

On Self-Determination

Regarding "Two Keys to Peace in the Balkans" (Opinion, March 26) by Ste-phen S. Rosenfeld:

Mr. Rosenfeld is wrong to assert that the Serbs "want it both ways" on the issue of self-determination. National self-determination is not a

universally recognized right of peoples living within federations like ex-Yugo-slavia or multiethnic empires such as the now defunct Soviet Umon. However, it is a practical criterion of the strength of a people's will and identity; and it has therefore frequently proved to be the outcome of internal conflict.

In the case of the Serbs, this has been clearly established since the middle of the 19th century. In the case of the Kosovo Albanians, it is still unproven.

The situation in Kosovo is unsatisfactory and is further complicated by social and political manipulation of human rights claims. Any improvement can be achieved only through meaningful dialogue with the Belgrade government. Such a process has brought fresh encour-

agement for a cessation of hostilities between Croatia and the Krajina Serbs. It seems the Kosovo Albanians have neither the desire to follow that example nor any wish for stability in the Balkans. VLADA VJESTICA. Neuilly-sur-Seine, France.

Squeeze Play for Peace

The irony that generous British subsi-dies to the Northern Ireland economy may have hindered, not belped, the peace process deserves attention.

If financial aid were reduced, or if a reduction were threatened, then both the economic costs of violence and the political price of peace would be clarified. Unionists and nationalists would then have an incentive to work out a mutually acceptable form of self-government.

If IRA and Protestant extremists discovered that bying standards - theirs and their supporters - were going to decline, they might modify their goals and enter the democratic process.

MICHAEL HAMILTON.
The Hague.

Fear of Homecoming

From time to time, you publish travel advisories issued by the U.S. government about travels in potentially dangerous areas.

I am going to the United States with my children and would appreciate a travel advisory about areas to avoid on the East and Southeast coasts. I am afraid to go home.

J. SCHMITT.

The Line Gets Ever Thinner Between Gay and Straight

By Anna Quindlen

N EW YORK —At the conclusion of the incomparable "Angels in America," a dying man named Prior Walter has the last word. Prior has seen ghosts and angels, love and betrayal, lesions blooming on his body and the deaths of many irrends.

But in the end, as he speaks of AIDS, America and the human condition, some of the things that this monumental play is about, be has a kind of peace so profound that you must genufiect before its grandeur, greater than any seraphim. "This disease will be the end of many of us," he says, "but not nearly all, and

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the dead will be commemorated and will struggle on with the living, and we are not going away. We won't die secret deaths anymore. The world only spins forward.

We will be citizens. The time has come. The time has come. You can feel it, in a bundred little ways. It is so certain and inevitable, that the next century will be a time in which it is not simply safe, but commonplace, to be openly gay.

The countervailing forces continue to be at work. The Ikea furniture chain garners a great deal of publicity by airing a commercial in which two men buy a table together. Tom Hanks wins an Oscar for playing a gay man and pays public tribute to his high school drama teacher, the genuine article.

But the bishop of Brooklyn uses the

bully pulpit of his position, this Easter, to reiterate his belief that bomosexuality is intrinsically evil. And in the mail come two letters, one from a gay college student who was beaten up at a bar and another from a gay couple who say they are being harassed by neighbors.

It is repulsive to have to note that a group of protesters, taking the Lord's name in vain, held up signs outside the memorial service for the writer Randy Shilts reading "God Hates Fags." It is wonderful to report that there were fewer than a dozen of them, and that they got lost fast.

"Would you say you are a typical bomosexual?" a Mormon mother asks Prior Walter. "Me?" he croons. "Oh, I'm stereotypical." The mother asks because she has just discovered her married son is gay. Wives, mothers, sisters, brothers. fathers, friends: The line between sterectype and reality, gay and straight in daily life is as thin as a whisper.

Next month the novelist Robb Forman Dew will publish a book entitled The Family Heart: A Memoir of When Our Son Came Out,"

In many ways it will be a familiar story to the parents of gay children, Ms. Dew goes over and over the questions she asked, the ones she didn't, the fears and pain she feels and feels ashamed of feeling. Who can blame her when she blurts out: "But Steve, what about Jessica? You remember? In the seventh

grade? Or Amy? You took Amy to her prom." American dreams die hard.
But in the end Robb Dew knows she

has what she has always had: two good

and bright and wonderful sons, one straight, the other not. "Whenever it's necessary to engage in deception in order to keep a secret," she writes, "it's a good bet that you are indulging in a bit of concealment that

is damaging to the soul."

Anyhow, wby should Steve deceive? "I'd like there to be a person I love who loves me," he tells his parents. Amen

from any mother, every mother.
There are too many mothers and mother's sons for hatred to prevail. When Steve reads Sam Nunn's arguments against gays in the military in the paper and tells his mother. "I feel it's wrong to exist," she has precisely the

reaction that any good mother would and should have; She is enraged. And that rage, and the love that goes with it. are wby things will change, have changed. As much as laws, it's love that does it. You feel the truth of that every day, as the ice of concealment and fear continues to crack and melu.

"Angels in America" is about many, many things, from religion and politics to death and forgiveness. The most lov-able character has AIDS, and so does the most detestable one, but it is no more a work of art about AIDS than Anna Karenina" is a book about a

It is a brilliant, brilliant play about love and the buman condition at a time when our understanding of what it means to be burnan and loving has, thankfully, expanded. The world only spins forward. The time bas come. The New York Times.

A 'Seal of Approval'

A MERICANS have just seen the first mainstream TV commercial starring uncloseted gay consumers shopping for merchandise other than condoms. The spot opens in an Ikea store, where the slightly testy Steve and his unnamed: companion hunt for a dining-room table. The action then moves to their home. where the characters let on that they'vebeen together for three years. The gay couple is as unthreateningly pseudo-het-ero as possible. They are monogamous. They look like brothers, not lovers.

Yet ads are made to sell, not to promote. social change. As Stuart Elliott, advertising columnist of The Times, puts it, these men are there to give lkea's merchandise "the Gay Housekeeping Seal of Approval."
My friend Robert, who is gay, is deeply

cynical about a company using gay men to convince straight clients that it is "new, different and cool." He would rather watch the stripteasing construction worker in the Diet Coke commercial any day. - Frank Rich, The New York Times.

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Not So Easy on the Ear

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By Jane E. Brody Vew York Times Service

EW YORK - People who engage in demanding physical activities might expect to suffer occasional injuries to the body parts directly involved. But few devotees of high-impact aerobics are likely to guess that their week. Enthusiasts usually take four classes a week. jumping and bouncing to music could damage their inner ears, causing symptoms like persistent vertigo. dizziness, imbalance, motion sickness, ringing or fullness in the ear and high-frequency hearing loss.

Yet just such a syndrome has been identified in a group of 30 otherwise healthy women in the Westchester County area of New High-impact York who regularly do high-impact aerobics, which involves a lot of aerobic exercises bouncing up and down, often with both feet off the ground at once. In a paper published last week in

The Journal of Sports Medicine hearing loss. and Physical Fitness. Dr. Michael I. Weintrauh, a elinical professor of neurology at New York Medical College in Valhalla.

extended a previous observation of suspected innerear damage related to high-impact aerobics.

In an interview, Dr. Weintraub said he had preliminary clinical evidence that other jarring activities, like professional volleyball and high-mileage running, could cause similar injuries to delicate structures in the

ears that govern balance. He noted that the astronauts who had the most trouble with motion sickness were those who were the most physically fit because they did the most running. Dr. Weintraub's study gave no measure of how

often the problem occurs in connection with highimpact aerobies. Most people who engage in the activiapparently do not develop symptoms. But Dr. Weintraub estimated that as many as 20 percent to 25 percent of those who regularly do high-impact aeroics might be affected.

He said he gathered the 50 eases cited in his report in just five months, and learned of at least 20 others in

the area who were similarly affected hut refused to be examined, even though the \$3,000 worth of tests were being offered free. He also questioned 144 other participants in the fitness activity who were free of the

Among participants examined, symptoms were worst among aerobics instructors, who typically lead several 40- to 60-minute sessions a day several times a

Dr. Weintraub found that 80 percent of those with symptoms had suffered damage to the parts of the inner ear involved with balance. He said be suspected that the repeated jarring loosened tiny stonelike structures called otoliths, jamming them

down among the hair cells that transmit information to the brain about the body's position in space. "Once otoliths are knocked off their perch, they don't go hack, and therefore continue to send the wrong signal to the brain." he said. This can result in a persistent off-

halance sensation, dizziness, a disoriented feeling (for example, the sensation that the person or the room is moving) and difficulty navigating. Many of those with symptoms experienced motion siekness when riding or trying to read in a car, as well as vertigo in response to changes in harometrie pres-

sure, as when scuba diving, flying or swimming, Dr. Weintraub found that 67 percent of those with symptoms had ringing in their ears (tinnitus) or a sensation of ear muffling or fullness. In addition, 83 percent of the instructors and 67 percent of enthusiasis had high-frequency hearing loss,

These symptoms indicate damage to the hair cells of the cochlea, the spiral-shaped organ that transmits nerve impulses for sound to the brain. Dr. Weintrauh said he suspected that this problem was caused by the loud music typically played during the exercise

In most cases, the noise level is well above that considered safe for prolonged exposure hy the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Seeking an Evolutionary Reason for Suicide

By Natalie Angier New York Times Service

EW YORK - Considered on its face, suicide seems to flout the laws of nature, slashing through the sturdy instinct that wills all beings to fight for their lives until they can

Yet to some evolutionary geneticists, sui-cide cannot be entirely explained as a violent aberration or a human pathology lying out-side the ebbs and pulls of natural selection and adaptation.

These researchers note that suicide, for all its private, tangled sorrows, is surprisingly common in most countries, accounting on average for nearly 1 percent of all deaths. And when the number of serious suicide attempts is taken into account, the prevalence of the behavior jumps considerably.

That sort of incidence, the evolutionary geneticists say, is simply too great to be accounted for by standard explanations like social malaise or random cases of psychiatric

Instead, the scientists suggest that the per-sistence of suicide at a fairly high rate across most cultures suggests an underlying evolutionary component, a possible Darwinian rationale for an act that too often appears starkly irrational. They propose that the ten-dency toward suicide could be a concomitant of a trait or group of traits that at some point in evolutionary history conferred benefits on

In other words, suicide may not be a freak event, or a complete breakdown of the natural order of things, but a behavior that by the sometimes cruel logic of natural selection. may make enough sense to maintain at a

certain low but significant level. Dr. Daniel Wilson, a clinical psychiatrist at Harvard Medical School and an anthropologist at the University of Cambridge in England emphasized that nobody argues that there is a single gene for suicide or that suicide or mental illness should be thought of as good. But he and others said there may be lausible evolutionary explanations for at east some self-destructive acis.

What is more, the tendency to commit or try suicide often runs in families, suggesting that a predisposition toward self-murder is partly inherited. And while suicide occurs in nearly all countries, it is far more common

among some ethnic groups.

The Hungarians and the Finns, for example, suffer from suicide rates two to three times those in the United States and most of Europe. Significantly, the elevated incidence holds true not only in those nations, where economic or social conditions could be responsible, but also for Finns and Hungarians who emigrated to other countries, again hinting at a biological substrate.

in trying to fathom what that substrate might be, researchers propose that the im-pulse to kill oneself may be an expression of an instinct toward self-sacrifice for the good of surviving relatives.

the lendency loward depression. They propose that bouts of depression may be useful, forcing people into a kind of emotional hibernauon and giving them time to ponder their mistakes. But such a strategy, if sustained too long or repeated too often be-comes maladaptive and even fatal, the researchers emphasized, showing itself as the barrowing disease called major depression.

Some researchers have looked to other species for insights into the genesis of depression and stricide. The exercise is fraught with pitfalls. Nonhuman animals obviously do not leave behind anything as clear as a note, nor are they likely to have sufficient awareness to do something as deliberate as

UT biologists have identified nu-merous examples of creatures that sacrifice themselves for their kin. from termites that explode their gats, releasing the slimy, foul contents over that deliberately starve themselves to death rather than risk spreading an infection to others in their burrow.

More compellingly, scientists recently have determined that many species of nonhuman primates will suffer serious depression when stressed. And upon falling into an episode of melancholy, the afflicted monkeys may en-

itself but is simply the most tragic outcome that no sane monkey would go near of another trait that may be selected for — sometimes perishing in the exercise.

So similar is monkey depression to human depression, some scientists say, that the symptoms of melancholy dissipate when the primates are given antidepressants like Prozac.

Researchers know too well how easily a Darwinian explanation for complex behaviors can be overdone and oversimplified. Certainly, the affairs of animals much simpler than people have been misinterpreted in the past. For example, the idea of suicide in nonhuman species invariably raises the famed example of lemmings, rodents that were long thought by scientists and the public to kill themselves en masse by running into the sea, as though cued by a group alarm clock indicating that today is a good day to

But researchers bave learned that the tale of the suicidal lemming is false. The tawnyfurred rodents will die hy the group, hut that, it turns out, is a result of an error in judgment. Lemmings are the locusts of mammals enemies that threaten their nest, to rodents and they will strip a habitat bare. Then, they begin migrating forward to find a new feeding ground, swarming over boulders, around trees, whatever stands in their way. If they run into a body of water, they try to swim

"That's fine if it's a pond or a stream." said Dr. Paul W. Sherman, a bebavioral ecologist at Cornell University. But if they of surviving relatives.

Other evolutionary biologists suggest that suicide may not be an inheritable behavior in suicide may not be an inheritable may not

Fetal Muscle Used to Repair Hearts of Mice

By Gina Kolata New York Times Service

EW YORK — Scientists working with mice have found that fetal heart muscle transplanted into adult bearts can incorporate itself and flourish.

The discovery raises the possibilsome day be used to patch bearts scientists could consider implanting damaged by heart attacks. Adult heart muscle does not regenerate people who have had heart attacks. itself, and so investigators have sought a source of new healthy cells to replace those that die after a beart attack.

leagues at the Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis report in Science magazine that heart muscle cells from 15-day-old adult heart muscle cells and form the proper channels for transmitting electrical signals between the cells.

The researchers have not shown

21 days and the scientists speculat- properly, the organ's function ofed that at 15 days, the tissue would

be most likely to grow in the adults. The finding is novel, said Dr. Donald A. Fischman, chairman of the department of cell biology and anatomy at New York University-Cornell Medical Center in New

Dr. Fischman said that much reity that fetal heart tissue might search needed to be done before human fetal heart muscle to help

"It's intriguing," said Dr. Daniel Garry, a molecular cardiologist at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center in Dallas. He ex-Dr. Loren J. Field and his col. plained that when a person has a heart attack, blood vessels leading to the heart are blocked, starving the beart of oxygen-rich blood. Areas of the heart that are normally mouse embryos attach themselves to nourished by blood from the blocked vessels die.

When this happens, the heart tries to repair the damage. Connective-tissue cells move into the areathat signals actually pass through and create a sort of scaffolding in these channels but they note that an attempt to remodel the heart. hearts with transplanted tissue beat. But without the muscle cells that normally. Mouse gestation is 20 to are needed for the heart to contract

ten continues to deteriorate, lead-

ing eventually to heart failure.

Dr. Garry said there was no way to restore the dead beart muscle cells, and although new methods were being tested to try to limit the damage from a heart attack, nothing could prevent it completely. One way to repair an injured beart, he said, might be to graft on some new heart muscle.

R. FIELD said that he and his colleagues began thinking about how to do this two years ago. They made a list of tissues they could try and started experiments to see which might work.

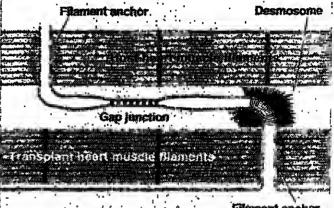
They began with skeletal muscle. taking sections of tissue from an animal's own large muscles. The tissue successfully grafted onto the heart. Dr. Field said, but it failed to make the connections needed to be part of the beart's signaling system.

Heart muscle, he explained, has an unusual structure that allows messages to pass quickly from cell to cell, enabling the muscle cells to contract in unison.

Skeletal muscle is very different. Instead of being made up of individual cells that communicate with each other, its cells fuse to make much larger cells with many nuclei that work together as single cells. When the skeletal muscle cells were put in the heart, they never became part of the heart's elaborately connected communication system.

Toward Repairing Weakened Hearts

in mouse hearts, scientists are encouraged to find that transplanted cells form not only physical connections, called desmosomes, but signaling connections, called gap junctions.



Sources: Dr. Mark Sonnpan/Indiane University; "Basic Histology" (Lange)

ed heart muscle cells from adult mice that were cultivated in the laboratory. Those cells "didn't do anything." Dr. Field said, failing even to attach to the surrounding heart muscle cells.

Finally, the investigators turned to fetal heart cells, their third choice because fetal tissue is more difficult to get and because abortion foes have raised ethical questions about the use of tissue from

Researchers are already testing the use of fetal tissue transplants to provide brain cells for people with Parkinson's disease, a progressive neurological disorder, and pancre-as cells for people with diabetes. A scientist in England has pro-

posed transplanting eggs from fetal ovaries to infertile women, and investigators in Sweden have shown, in animal studies, that feral brain cells can correct brain cell loss that TRNATIO

BOOKS

BORN NAKED

By Farley Mowat, 256 pages, 521.95. Houghton Mifflin.

Reviewed by Frances Stead Sellers

T N 1936 14-year-old Farley Allowat interrupted his parent's dinner party: "I've found them!" he shricked, and thrust under one lady's unsuspecting nose a tin plate bearing the testes of a freshly dissected hairy woodpecker - along with a magnifying glass for examin-

Whether the guest finished ber dessert we do not learn (some did not), but her husband, owner of Saskatoon's daily newspaper, was intrigued and invited the irrepressible teenager to write a column about birds for the Star Phoenix's Saturday children's supplement. The project was shortlived: Mowat's outspoken criticisms antagonized the hunting community. and his enthusiastic familiarity with the intimacies of avian sex (the ruddy duck apparently achieves the act under water) so appalled members of a women's church league "Birds of the Season" never again appeared in the Star.

But Mowat had developed a taste for writing, and his impas-sioned, partisan descriptions of the northern wilderness and its inhab-

· Praxedes Leitner, librarian at

the Max Planck Institute in Berlin.

is reading "Jurussic Park" by Michael Crichton.

"I think this is really a good read

so far. I find it fun. In addition, I'm'

learning quite a bit about genetic

engineering and the author ex-

plnins things in a rather entertain-

(Michael Kallenbach, IHT)

ing way.

Deer" (1952), in which he denounced government and missionaries' treatment of the Inuit peoples, and the best sellers "Never Cry Wolf" (1963), "A Whale for the Killing" (1972) and "The Dog Who Wouldn't Be" (1957), the protagonist of which is Mowat's own childhood companion. Mutt. Recently he has turned to autohiography with "My Father's Son" (1992), a personal and griraly funny account of his experiences in Europe during World War II, and now this evocative memoir of his boyhood, "Born Naked,"

Conceived in a green canoe, Mowat lived near or on Ontario's Bay of Quinte until he was 12, when the family moved west to Saskatoon. Saskatchewan, and the prairies. But he never was to share his father's passion for sailing. He developed instead an intense "desire to become at one with the wilderness and its native inhabitants." It is this longing that informs Mowat's earliest memory. of accompanying his father on an expedition to tend their hives: "I see, in my mind's eye, a large and strikingly marked honey bee stand-

itants have continued to provoke directing ant traffic away from me. strong reactions. A persistent and much as a policeman might direct courspoken champion of the op-pressed, he has written more than from some important personage." 30 books, including "People of the Expert apiarists have since cast ing a checked tweed cap.

ing on an anthill near where I sit. This bee is resolutely and briskly

doubt on the veracity of such recollections, but, writes Mowat, "ever since I have been as kindly disposed to [bees] as they have to me." An only child, he soon developed the same sense of kinship with the myriad rats, bats and mice who shared the family's decaying frame house. and even harbored hopes of befriending a huge bear who visited the somnolent boy one night, "wear-

Memories of such humorously anthropomorphized animals give way in Mowat's narrative to a more serious fascination with the animal world, just as naturally as the avid young reader's choice of books progressed from Beatrix Potter, through Kipling's "Just So Stories" to the works of Ernest Thompson Seton and Charles G. D. Roberts.

By Alan Truscott

likely to make a well-judged call.

This is plausible in a bridge con-text, though hard to prove. What is

player, often gives information to

his opponents, as witness the dia-

East and West were Ron Rubin

and Michael Becker. North and

South were Irving Gordon and Bar-

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play four hearts. The last bid came

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BRIDGE

grubby, self-sufficient runt. Regarded by his peers as a sort of intriguing eccentric, he gradually won a small clan of followers in ventures such as his "Saskatchewan motorized invasion of his boyhood." National Animal Museum," in- Eden spice up Mowat's nostalgia for stalled in the family bouse until his simpler, if no less troubled, times, parents got wind of it and ousted the putrid remains.

and his lively, unpretentious memoir scribed world of the Others that he of boyish pranks and pocketfuls of decomposing treasures makes de-lightful reading. It also explores the roots of a sense of injustice that would incite controversy throughout his career. Mowat had a natural affinity for outcasts - buman or animal - that developed during his adolescence in the Depression into an acute awareness of the "fearful inequalities that exist between the haves and the have-nots in the buman world." It may be humility, or a laudable aversion to pseudo-psychology, that prevents Mowat from The Washington Post.

losing to the queen. If East had

made a club return. South would

have ruffed, cashed the beart ace.

crossed to dummy with a diamond

lead and led a trump, making his

But East shrewdly returned a di-

amond, and South won in dummy

and ruffed a club. He then cashed

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East ruffed with his last trump and

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fuse the issue. "It was unlikely that spade ace, ruffed a spade, and tak-

taking the king would lead any-where," sayd Becker. en two diamond winners. Then three black-suit ruffs and a spade

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Mowat portrays himself as a delving further into his peculiar un-

But he leaves us with a profound sense of sadness for the passing, not Mowat is an accomplished writer. only of youth, but of that uncircumenjoyed as a tecnager.

Camping out under the prairie sky in the summer of 1937. Mowat and his friends speculated whether they would ever again see such an abundance and variety of wildlife as had passed overhead that day. "We were not to be that lucky," he concludes. "I doubt if anyone else will ever be either. I think it is too late."

Frances Stead Sellers, a freelance writer and editor, wrote this for

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Indians: Science vs. Tradition

By Eugene L. Meyer Washington Post Service

NNAPOLIS, Maryland Inside a dozen locked metal cabinets in a secured area on the third floor of the old Hall of Records here lie the remains of more than 100 American Indians. But they rest not in peace.

The collection of bones, once regarded as a treasure trove of clues to life and death before European settlement, is now the subject of a bitter dispute between scientists who want them and American Indians who want them reburied. Two years after the legislature passed a law designed to accommodate both groups, the bones are offlimits to study and are no closer to being returned to the ground.

Further, what state officials perceived to be a consensus on the 11th draft of regulations to implement the new law fell apart last month after some American Indians complained they weren't consulted. "It's back to the drawing board,"

said Mervin Savoy, tribal chairwoman of the Piscataway-Conov Confederacy and a member of the burial task force of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs. At issue are not only conflicting

views of what should be done with human remains but also difficult questions of group identity as American Indians without a written history, a reservation or a treaty strive for official recognition to validate their claims. Of Maryland's more than 4 mil-

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lion residents, about 12,000 identicensus. However, no tribes are offistate governments.

The American Indian remains stored in Annapolis come from 16 sites across Maryland and date from 800 B. C., officials said. Also in the collection are non-American Indian remains from 11 sites in the state. Some dug up were donated; others were unearthed during excavations for houses or roads.

The state law is modeled after a federal statute enacted a year earlier. Maryland's law is more lenient in allowing groups to establish their "cultural affiliation" to remains by a "preponderance of the evidence."

However, if there is no direct descendant or if a group filing a claim fails to meet the standard, the bones will be available for scientific study. That, scientists argue, is a good thing, for the tribes themselves and

for the rest of society. "A skeleton

to me is just like a book," said fied themselves as Indian in the last Douglas Owsley, a forensic anthropologist with the Smithsonian, "It cially recognized by the federal or can tell you so much about a person - age, sex, race, stature, body huild, health

"It is through careful study that we can determine the cultural affiliation of individuals." said Dr. Owsley, who said he has examined remains of Plains Indians at the tribes' requests. "If it's going to benefit anyone, it's Native Americans, because it's their past.

But many Western tribes oppose what they term "destructive analysis" of buman remains that includes the taking of tissue for laboratory study, said Andrew Othole. cultural preservation coordinator for the Zunis of New Mexico.

"I can understand the scientific interest in it," said Chief Billy Redwing Tayac, of the Piscataway Indian Nation, but for us, it's not science, it's a religious belief. Our ancestors are being held hostage.

N BRIEF

Exploding Star Keeps Growing Brighter NEW YORK (NYT) — A new exploding star in a nearby galaxy. discovered Saturday, is growing steadily brighter and may be one of the

most spectacular supernovas in recent years, astronomers say.

The stellar explosion, the ninth detected this year, was observed in the Whirlpool Galaxy by amateur and professional astronomers in the United States and Japan. The explosion occurred 15 million years ago, but because of the galaxy's distance, light from it only reached Earth on Saturday.

Astronomers said the supernova would not match the luminosity of the spectacular event observed in the Southern Hemisphere in 1987. One of the nearest supernovas in centuries, the one in 1987 occurred only next door in astronomical terms, 150,000 light-years away near the Large Magellanic Cloud, a companion galaxy to the Milky Way.

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the area of the world that is right now the most dangerous — the Korean Peninsula — By Thomas L. Friedman New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — As the U.S. government weighs revoking China's preferential
trade status and imposing trade sanctions on mocracies. without it having a significant negative effect on markets," Robert D. Hormats, vice chair-man of Goldman Sachs International, said. Japan, a new factor is creeping into its calcula-nons: What impact would such moves have on Many analysis said stock-market diplomapan and China.

U.S. Decisions on Asia Reverberate on Wall Street

The New Stock-Market Diplomacy

cy is already apparent in U.S. dealings with Japan, where President Bill Clinton has quietly told aides he wants to maintain a low-

increasingly important calculation for American officials. Fifteen years ago, the impact of foreign-policy decisions on financial markets Everyone is terrified of might only have been a small consideration. being blamed for causing Now, however, it is being taken much more a global stock market seriously because American interest rates, growth rates and pension funds are more crash.' directly tied to Asian and European economies and their financial markets.

A decision in Washington can affect inves-

David Hale, chief economist at Kemper Financial Services.

level approach to persuading Japan to open

Stock-market diplomacy is something that seems to come naturally to Mr. Clinton, who may not have much of a feel for traditional diplomatic issues, such as arms control or Bosnia, but clearly has a strong intuitive grasp of the seamless relationship between global markets and political trends.

As Japan's ambassador to the United States. Takakazu Kuriyama, put it: "He understands international economics and the interaction between domestic and international policy

better than any president I have seen."

Mr. Clinton's whole foreign policy vision is based on the notion that global economic

growth will be the engine for growth in the

United States and other industrialized de-

All the more reason, then, for the president to be keeping one eye on the markets as be makes these foreign policy decisions on Ja-

But while acknowledging that fact, aides insist the president will make his decisions on Japan and China with more than just the Dow Jones industrial average on his mind Clearly, though, the linkages cannot be ignored. It was the threat of a U.S.-Japan

trade war, after February trade negotiations had collapsed, that drove the value of the yen up and the dollar down.

A depreciation of the dollar, whether across the board or against one major currency, tends to push interest rates higher, be-cause the cheaper dollar forces the U.S. government to offer higher interest rates to attract foreign capital to buy its Treasury securities and finance the deficit.

At the time of the impasse, traders said Japanese Finance Ministry officials hinted that they would not rule out heavy selling by the Japanese of American bonds, which could exacerbate the situation.

It was a subtle reminder to Washington that two can tango when it comes to applying financial pressure. It also was a reminder that in today's financial markets, what goes

around comes around.
"Let's face it," Mr. Hormats said, "the guy who holds a mortgage in Paducah, his interest rate depends on whether Japanese investors bny American bonds. And the guy whose pension fund is partially invested in Asia will he affected by what the president does with

Calm Descends On Wall Street **After Turmoil**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - Wall Street staoilized on Wednesday, taking a breather from the recent wild price swings as investors reassessed prospects for strong first-quarter corpo-rate earnings and the longer-term direction of interest rates.

on the New York Stock Exchange.

Stock investors took their cue from a calming in the government securities market, where the price of the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond slipped 1/32 point, to 87 28/32, and the yield finished at 7.25 percent, steady with Tuesday.

The bond market was stabilized by a Washington Post article quoting Federal Reserve officials as saying the central bank would hold off on any changes in monetary policy until the financial markets settle down. Only then will policymakers decide whether to resume the course of raising short-term in-

terest rates begun in February.
Susan Phillips, a Fed governor, also soothed the market by saying she saw no signs the economy was "overheating."
The remarks mean "we're going

to stay bere until we have an inflation problem," said Michael Strauss, chief economist at Yamaichi International (America).

The market has stabilized and will probably move up pretty significantly," said Thom Brown, managing director of Rutherford, Brown & Catherwood Inc., in Philadelphia, Many developing countries are "There are no inflationary indicaopposed even to leaving the door open, even without specifics," he tions around at the moment."

The tranquil bond market allowed stock investors to focus on setting positions before the on-slaught of first-quarter corporate agreement on a new agenda, develearnings reports, which is to begin ry too much about being dragged into a discussion of this matter," he next week. Earnings are expected said. Since developing countries to be the strongest in years.

But some traders were edgy make up the majority of GATT's about the potential for further losses after the nearly 10 percent drop in the Dow since the record overrule the handful of developed high set in January.

There were more bears visible in Wall Street last week than in Yel-

Ackerman, executive vice president at Reich & Co., a New York investment firm. "This may not yet be a decisive turn but a bounce from an oversold condition, and it is lowered the anxiety levels."

Stocks sensitive to economic cy-The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 4.32 points, at 3,679.73, while gaining issues outnumbered losers by a 4-to-3 margin after leading the stock market's advance this year.

> Teléfonos de Mexico was the most actively traded stock on the

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IMF Tells U.S. It's Likely to Need **More Rate Rises**

WASHINGTON - The international Monetary Fund bas told the United States it will probably have to raise sbort-term interest rates to keep inflation under control and the economy growing.

That advice is contained in the

IMF's World Economic Outlook, a semiannual report that was being considered by the Fund's directors Wednesday, sources said.

Although the IMF has no way of

compelling the United States to follow its advice, its recommendations carry weight because of the central role it plays in the international monetary system.

The report was compiled by the IMF's staff about three weeks ago and thus does not contain any discussion about the recent declines in the U.S. stock and bond markets or the Federal Reserve Board's March 22 increase in short-term interest rates, its second such move in the last two months.

But sources said the Fund seemed to favor the actions already taken by the U.S. central bank in tightening monetary policy to head off inflation as the economy expands.

Tokyo Offers Worker-Rights Settlement

By Steven Brull ional Herald Tribum

volatile global stock and bond markets?

The diplomacy of the stock market is an

tors in Asia, which then reverberates back to

Wall Street. This linkage is especially on the

minds of officials as the world's markets

gyrate wildly, as they have in recent weeks,

ity it creates caution and conservatism in decision makers," said David Hale, chief

economist at Kemper Financial Services.

There is so much integration now, everyone

is terrified of being blamed for causing a

While government officials insist that how

China handles human rights remains the par-

amount consideration in the decision about

whether to renew Beijing's trade benefits, clearly the impact of such a move on financial

You cannot have tensions with your big-gest supplier of foreign capital — Japan; the biggest country in the world — China, and

global stock market crash."

markets has to gnaw at them.

Whenever you have this kind of instabil-

TOKYO - Japan, acting at the behest of developing nations in Asia opposed to linking workers' rights to international trade talks, has proposed a compromise that is likely to prevent the issue from becoming part of new trade rules, the government said Wednesday.

The demand by the United States and France stands as the last major obstacle to a declaration that will accompany the signing next week in Marrakesh. Morocco, of the Final Act of the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement O International Herald Tribune on Tariffs and Trade.

ened to delay the declaration unless there was a commitment to have trialized world, GATT's successor, the World Trade Organization, discuss work-

The United States contends that countries that export goods made by poorly paid workers have an infair advantage and distort trade. France, in particular, wants to ap- said, "the United States cannot ply standards that would prevent leave Marrakesh without anythe exploitation of children, prisoners and others.

But developing countries in Southeast Asia, as well as Brazil, are opposed, fearing that the link-age would be used to force in-

Washington last week threat- petitiveness that has helped them would simply mention labor stan-dards as one of the possible topics. expand into markets in the indus-Nobutoshi Akao, the Foreign

Ministry's ambassador for international economic affairs, said it was "unreasonable" to ask developing nations to accept the proposal which was made only a matter of weeks ago. But at the same time, he

Japan's compromise, he said, is to issue a statement that would allow the preparatory committee overseeing the transition to the new trade organization to add items to creases in wages, eroding the com- its agenda after April 15, and

Japan's compromise proposal re-

"But in practice, without an

oping countries don't need to wor-

member states, he said, they could

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New York Times Service EW YORK- There is a flowering plant on Christina A. Gold's desk. She is not sure whether it is an azalea or a hibiscus or what. But she loves that plant every hit as much as the more familiar

blooms she tends at home. "A sales rep sent it to me." Ms. Gold said with visible pride. "The note said. Thanks for bringing springtime back to Avon."

Avon Products Inc. has gone through a series of emotional seasons every bit as barsh as the past winter was across much of the United States.

In November, after 24 years with Avon's Canadian division. Ms. Gold was called to New York to become the first woman to head the United States, Canadian and Puerto Rican operations of the direct-sales beauty-products company. She replaced Walker Lewis, who had resigned after only 19 months.

Avon insiders say Mr. Lewis, a former management consultant, ran Avon entirely with his head. Now Ms. Gold is trying to put heart back into the

olace.
"Walker was a brilliant strategist," said James E.
Presson, Avon's chief executive, "But now we need someone whose first priority is to re-energize the sales force."

Mr. Lewis declined to comment, but Avon insiders say it was no accident that Mr. Preston said "reenergize." not simply "energize." For five months, Ms. Gold. 46. bas been reassembling some of the employee incentives that Mr. Lewis had so careful-

"Over the last few years, the whole program for incentives was skinnied down," said Brian C. Connolly, whom Ms. Gold plucked from the Southeast sales region to become director of national incentives and motivation - a position that Mr. Lewis

had abolished. "The push was toward advertising

and chasing fringe customers."

Actually, though, many of Mr. Lewis's ideas did work. A new toil-free telephone number that allows customers to bypass the traditional Avon lady and buy directly from the company has added incremental sales: Aven's new high-technology's kin-care product. Anew, has been successful, as has a line of skin-care products for men; and analysis have high bopes for the line of lingerie products that Mr. Lewis helped to set up.

Avon's stock, which bottomed at about \$19 five years ago, was quoted at \$57.875 in New York Stock Exchange trading Wednesday, down 25 cents on the

day. The company has stayed independent, despite Chartwell Inc.'s attempt to take it over in 1990.

Avon is in fact still reeling from 1993, when sales in the United States dropped 1 percent and pretax profit ank 22 percent. Part of the reason was a money-draining giftware line, as well as increased costs in marketing and sales. But part was also a general loss of motivation among the Avon ladies the now politically incorrect term that most people ontside the company still use for the 400,000 women who sell Avon products door-to-

Walker had some interesting merchandising ideas, but he did not grow the sales staff like he should have," said Jack Salzman, an analyst at Goldman, Sachs & Co. Ms. Gold concurred: "The sales reps were worried and they were alienated, and they simply were not selling as aggressively as we would like, she said.

During his short reign, Mr. Lewis reduced the travel awards, commissions and other prizes that sales representatives could earn, stopped sending birthday presents to high performers and, according to insiders, even tried to end the practice of giving porcelain statuettes of Mrs. P.F.E. Albee,

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AT&T Weighs Response to a Merger Roadblock

By Lawrence Malkin

nional Herald Tribune NEW YORK - Lawyers and officials of America's largest celln-lar-telephone and long-distance companies huddled Wednesday to consider a potentially major new said Robert B. Wilkes, a telecombarrier to their plans to merge munications analyst at Brown Their merger now may have to wait Brothers Harriman, "BellSouth is for a new national telecommunica-

tions law to emerge from Congress.

Federal Judge Harold H.

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He said McCaw and AT&T of the Bell System monopoly in 1984 and has in effect been making U.S. telecommunications policy from his chambers in Washington since then, on Tuesday blocked the \$12.6 billion purchase, agreed to get rid of their interests, but that last summer, of McCaw Cellular might necessitate BellSouth selling Communications Inc. by American

Telephone & Telegraph Corp. Executives of both companies insisted the merger would be com-pleted on schedule this summer, but the stock market was not so sure. McCaw's stock was down \$1.75 a share at \$48, while AT&T was off 75 cents at \$51.25 on

bring AT&T into their backyards as a competitor via the rear door of local cellular-phone links.

BellSouth owns cellular services in Houston and Los Angeles in partnership with McCaw, so its complaint was essentially technical, and AT&T lawyers had sought its dismissal on technical grounds and asked for a special waiver. The

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judge said no and asked AT&T for more information. partly owned by one or another of the regional Bell companies.

more information.
This is part of a much larger

using its leverage it has to challenge

might win a waiver by taking the Los Angeles and Houston markets out of the deal, but that would reduce the value of their transaction. They could also swap stock to its local cellular services, and Mr. Wilkes doubted the regional company would willingly do so.

President Bill Clinton has proposed legislation to Congress to help define the boundaries of local, regional and national telecommunications service, with the aim

of getting it passed this summer. The legislation has generally The judge acted on a complaint from BellSouth Corp., one of the seven regional U.S. phone companies that feared the deal would the anomaly of having national telecommunications policy

set by a judge.

Edmund L. Andrews of The New York Times reported earlier from Judge Greene said Tuesday that the AT&T-McCaw deal raised the

specter of recreating the monolithic Bell System because several of McCaw's cellular networks were

Tuesday's ruling turned on a seemingly technical objection raised by BellSouth, which owns 60 percent of the Los Angeles franchise and slightly less than 50 per-cent of the Houston system.

McCaw is a minority owner in both systems, through its owner-

ship of 52 percent of Lin Broad-

McCaw has an agreement to either serious antitrust concerns. purchase all the remaining shares of Lin in 1995 or sell the shares it currently owns. This all-or-nothing choice makes it difficult to spin off the disputed properties without un-

and McCaw to come back with a The issue is more treacherous more persuasive case, the judge than it appears. The problem is that said the proposed merger raised

> "There is a real danger that at least some of the strides that have been made in the last decade would be mullified or diluted." he wrote in the opinion released Tuesday.

Alcatel Looks Past Current Woes

raveling the Lin deal.

By Jacques Neher nal Herald Tribune

PARIS - Despite prospects for a 10 to 20 percent fall in profits this year. Pierre Suard, chairman of Alcatel Alsthom, said Wednesday be saw a "rosy" future as the company positioned itself to supply sophisticated equipment for the developing multime-

Already, the company has signed to supply equip-ment for British Telecom PLC's video-on-demand pilot program, as well as a test program with Pacific Bell to deliver films from Hollywood directly to theaters electronically. In a few weeks, an executive said, the French company will announce it is teaming up with one of the regional Bell operating companies to launch a video-on-demand system in the United

As expected, the telecommunications, power and transport equipment company reported net earnings in 1993 of 7.1 billion French francs (\$1 billion), about the same as in 1992, despite 4 percent decline in sales. to 156 billion francs.

Mr. Suard said earnings would suffer this year because of difficult economic conditions for the tele-communications business in Europe, particularly Germany and Italy. But he said he boped that profits

would begin to grow in 1995.

He predicted that multimedia would be one of the driving forces of the company in the coming years, requiring heavy spending on research and development.

The company spent 15.2 billion frames on research in 1993. 1993, nearly 10 percent of sales. Jozef Cornu, head of corporate development, said Alcatel was "one to two

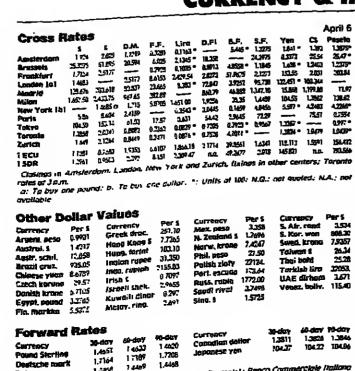
years ahead" of its competitors with its line of products.

The potential market for electronic film distribution is "enormous," be said, noting that Hollywood currently spends \$2 billion a year to copy films and ship

them out to movie theaters. Under Pacific Bell's "Cinema of the Future" test, Alcatel will supply a video codec, which compresses a movie into digital form, and its asynchronous transfer mode switch, which acts as a video hub to transmit the film to multiple destinations via a fiber-optic network. He said the ultimate image quality was as high as

theoriginal films.

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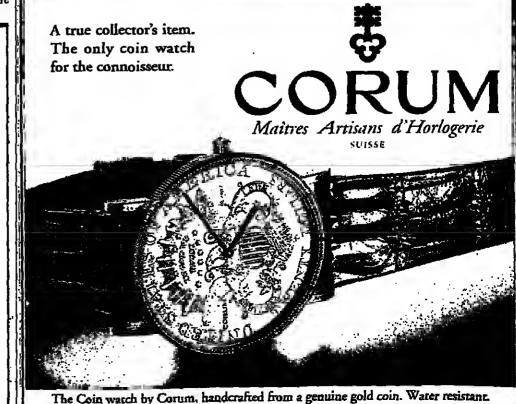
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New Structure At Lvonnais

Compiled by Osa Staff From Dispatches PARIS - Credit Lyonnais shook up its senior manage-ment Wednesday, creating new positions including those of group treasurer and heads of country operations.

Chairman Jean Pevrelevade said Eric Blot-Lefevre would become central treasurer for the state-owned bank, which last month reported a loss of 6.9 billion francs (\$1.2 billion). Credit Lyonnais also named one person to oversee the bank's operations in each major country, rather than have executives in various departments report back to Paris.

Robert Cohen, the bank's executive vice president and gen-eral manager of Credit Lyonnais USA, was named country head for the United States. Bernard Darmayan, director of capital markets in Paris, was given that position for Britain. (Bloomberg, Reuters)



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NEW YORK - The dollar posted mild gains on Wednesday, but analysts said that there were not enough bulls jumping on board to rate equation, the Bundesbank oush it much higher yet.

They said that the timing of the next U.S. interest rate rise and a

Foreign Exchange

omy were keeping dollar buyers at bay for the moment.

The dollar closed at 1,7150 Deutche marks on Wednesday, up ghtly from a close on Tuesday at 1.7145 DM, and at 104.550 yen, up

from 104.335 yen.
I think the market hasn't built up enough of a head of steam to the 1.7180 mark level," said Adrian Cunningham, B currency economist at Union Bank of Switzerland in London.

Part of the cautious tone, dealers aid, stemmed from an article in the Washington Post, which quoted Federal Reserve Board officials as saying they were unlikely to change short-term rates until financial markets calmed and the economic effect of a fall in stock prices and a rise in long-term interest rates could be determined.

cautious Fed stance had already been factored in and that ultimate. The Dow

Daily closings of the Dow Jones industrial average

such a move.

Against the yen, the dollar brushed against the 105 level in the course of the Wednesday session even though Japanese authorities affirmed their opposition to a

Against other currencies, the

(Reuters, AFP)

MARKET: Bear Takes a Break

New York Stock Exchange, rising 1 to 58% in step with the Mexican market. In late trading, Mexico's Bolsa index was up 1.18 percent. Philip Morris fell ¼ to 48¾ in

active trading, burdened by a classaction lawsuit filed against the

U.S. Stocks

company late Monday alleging it knew for years nicotine was addictive hut denied it to keep cigarette sales and stock values artifically

Smaller stocks were mixed as the collapse of a planned merger be-tween Southwestern Bell Corp. and Cox Cable Communications raised concern that other agreements may unravel. The Nasdaq index of overthe-counter issues slipped 0.21 point, 10 750.74.

A federal court ruling that dealt a setback to a planned merger between American Telephone & Telegraph Co. and McCaw Cellular Communications Inc. added to those concerns.

McCaw lost 11/4 to 48, Tele-Communications Inc. fell % to 2014, Southwestern Bell lost 1/4 to 391/8 and Bell Atlantic fell % to 4912. AT&T fell 4 to 514.

Casino-related stocks were helping to depress the market, plunging ly this could help the dollar. On the other side of the interest

gave dollar bulls a little more hope as it trimmed its key repurchase agreement rate again by a slight margin. Analysts in Frankfurt said this was not enough to signal an imminent cut in the German dislack of major new data on the econ- count rate, although speculation continued in some quarters about

> Some traders said the dollar's rebound from last week's weakness had also been capped by investors locking in profits. It might have also been partly checked by speculation about dollar sales hy European cen-

strong currency.

dollar inched up to close Bi 1.4489 Swiss francs from a Tuesday clos-ing rate of 1.4470 francs and rose to 5.8705 French frames from 5.8593 francs. The pound firmed to \$1,4685 from \$1,4640.

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chines in that state. Station Casinos fell 3 3/16 to 14%. Hilton Hotels lost

> daq stock, plunging 6% to 11%. Consolidated Freightways fell % to 26% as thousands of truckers, dock workers and mechanics threw up picket lines in a nationwide

■ U.S. Car Sales Surge

trucking companies.

U.S. Car Sales Surge
U.S. vehicle sales by Detroit carbrought buyers into showrooms and early income tax refunds gave them money for down payments, according to a dispatch from

Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp. sold a combined 1.07 million domesti-

General Motors led a surge in after defeat on Tuesday of a Missousia constitutional amendment that to 5834.

314 to 57% and Promus slumped 314 to 37%. President Riverboat Casinos suf-

fered with the added burden of re-porting a loss for the fourth quarter. It was the most actively traded Nasstrike hy the Teamsters against 22

makers climbed 16.5 percent in March as warming weather Bloomberg Business News from Detroit.

General Motors Corp., Ford cally made new cars and light-duty trucks, up from a year ago. Chrysler's U.S. sales posted a record for any month in its 69-year history. GM and Ford had record truck sales for the month.

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Teamsters Strike 22 Trucking Firms

WASHINGTON (AP) - Thousands of truckers, dock workers and mechanics threw up picket lines Wednesday in a nationwide strike by the

Teamsters union against 22 trucking companies.

The walkout by up to 75,000 union members began at midnight over a plan by the companies to give more work to part-time workers and use trains more often. "Some things you've got to fight for, and we've got to fight for this," said Les Gregor, picketing outside Yellow Trucking in Spokane, Washington.

But Michael Wickham, president of Roadway Express of Akron, Ohio, said that using part-timers is "absolutely vital" to reduce costs.

America West Creditors Accept Bid

NEW YORK (Knight-Ridder) — America West Airlines said Wednesday that AmWest Partners' amended investment plan has received support from its unsecured creditors committee, in addition to approval by its directors and stockholders committee.

The unsecured creditors' committee previously had objected to the proposal from AmWest Partners, a limited partnership led by Air Partners L.P. The partners' investors include Continental Airlines, Mesa Airlines Inc. and Fidelity Investments.

AmWest Partners is to invest up to \$244.9 million in return for a 33.5 percent stake in the reorganized airline. This investment will include a \$114.9 million equity purchase, plus \$100 million to \$130 million of senior unsecured notes. Unsecured creditors will be allocated 59.5 percent of the equity in the company, but they can chose to receive up to \$100 million cash instead of the shares. Current shareholders will get 5 percent of the equity plus warrants to buy 6.2 million additional shares. GPA Group PLC, a secured creditor, will receive 2 percent of the equity plus \$30.5 million in cash or notes and warrants to huy 1.4 million shares of the company's stock.

 Continental Airlines said Wednesday it planned to cut about 1,000 jobs by the end of 1994 as part of its restructuring into a low-cost air carrier. The Houston-based carrier said the cuts will be throughout the company's operations, which include about 43,000 workers. (Reaers)

Lehman to Exit Merchant Banking

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) - Lehman Brothers, in an attempt to conserve its capital, is getting out of the merchant-hanking husiness, a managing director said Wednesday. Merchant banking is the use of a securities firm's own funds to invest in stocks and bonds.

Lehman is leaving merchant banking hecause it is being spun off hy American Express Co. to shareholders. Without the backing of its parent. the company cannot afford to hid illiquid investments, the executive said. The securities firm will not raise a new merchant hanking fund to replace the \$1.25 billion pool that stopped making new investments in March, said the executive. It will sell shares of companies it helped acquire over the past five years and keep much of the profits. he said.

AT&T Service Targets Foreigners

NEW YORK (IHT) - American Telephone & Telegraph Co. Wednesday moved to outflank its foreign telecommunications competitors by offering their individual customers worldwide calling service while they are traveling abroad.

The new service, similar in concept AT&T's worldwide data networks for multinational corporations, is to start April 18 and would allow business and other travelers to dial a toll-free number from any one of 40 countries and be connected by phone using voice, fax, or computer to most countries in the world.

Joseph P. Nacchio, president of AT&T's Consumer Communications Services, said he expected about 85 percent of the subscribers to the service would be non-Americans whose home phones would be outside AT&T's traditional U.S. market. The annual fee for the service is \$70, which includes separate billing for each call and consumer services including individual mailboxes and foreign-language interpreters.

TOKYO: Compromise Offered

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"The district managers rose up like a tidal wave when Walker tried to do away with the Mrs. Albees," said an Avon veteran who insisted on anonymity. "Women leave these figurines to their daughters and granddaughters, they are so proud of them, Walker just didn't under-

are alike in many ways. He paid traded for various gifts. Mr. Lewis more attention to sales reps than made them redeemable only for his "strategy only" reputation savings bonds. Ms. Gold's staff has might indicate.

AVON: Executive Seeks to 'Re-energize' Sales Force

But Ms. Gold's budget strategy logue of gifts. has been the mirror image of her predecessor's. She has cut spending on fliers and brochure inserts and insists on testing marketing plans before rolling them out nationwide. She is plowing the money saved into sales incentives.

Avon had long given its sales hrief thank-you notes to sales reps Still, Ms. Gold and Mr. Lewis reps points for sales that could be for delivery by March 19 — de-

rushed to put together a new cata-

Ms. Gold also has gone back to sending birthday gifts to high per-formers. About a month ago she asked every salaried Avon employee, from forklift operators to Mr.

Preston, to write, by hand, 100

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flects its growing trade and invest-ment ties to China and Southeast

Japan, for its part, is not opposed to discussion of the issue, official said Wednesday, according But officials said it believed the to a Reuters dispatch from Tokyo. topic should be studied "more quinomic Cooperation and Development, a body that discusses issues but, unlike the GATT, has no au-

thority to make rules for trade.

■ Pessimism in Tokvo Chances are slim that the Uoited States and Japan can break the impasse in economic talks when officials meet in Morocco next week, a Japanese Foreign Ministry

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Turkish Plan Fails to Halt Slide in Lira

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
ISTANBUL — The brakes on
the Turkish lira failed on Wednesday as the currency suffered a 19 percent fall against the dollar and

traders forecast further drops. After an effective 28 percent devaluation of the bra on Tuesday when Prime Minister Tansu Ciller announced emergency economic measures, the dollar rose 7,500 lira, in end at 39,500, on the interbank

market on Wednesday. The lira, which was devalued 12 percent against the dollar on Jan. 26, has lost 60 percent of its value since the start of the year.

"The market has spun out of control," said Ismail Yanik, treasurer at Turk Ekonomi Bankasi. This is a crisis situation. Banks can't cover themselves. There is a

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lack of dollar supply."
Traders said the dollar's latest spurt was prompted by the central bank's decision on Tuesday to ease its grip on the lira and let its official rate float in line with the market

The bank's decision followed an economic stability program announced by Mrs. Ciller, who said she expected the measures to belp restore confidence in the lira within days and curb inflation, now at a

two-year-high rate of 73.4 percent. A further drag on the lira came from large falls in overnight interest rates to 90 percent from a peak of 1,000 percent last week.

Sky-bigh interest rates bave brought industrial output to a standstill in the first quarter and forced many companies to liquidate their assets and lend money overnight to banks.

Mrs. Ciller's belt-tightening package included ingredients economists had long urged: price increases of up to 100 percent in state-sector monopoly goods such as petroleum and sugar, along with tax increases, layoffs at govern-ment-owned companies and in the government, and privatizations.

The program sparked protests on Wednesday, especially in Islambul. Several thousand truck drivers. tax-office employees and workers gathered in various places in Istan-bul, criticizing the government and demanding Mrs. Ciller's resignation.

The tax agency employees union, Turn Maliye-Sen, said the government was trying to "destroy democratic freedoms in he able to carry out these anti-worker measures."

In Golcuk, in the west of Turkey, about 8,000 people demonstrated, calling on Mrs. Ciller to resign. They included shipyard workers, civil servants and workers from a petro-chemical plant that is to be closed.

Yet the sharp fall in the lira made it uncertain if Mrs. Ciller's program would be sufficient to restore confidence in the economy. "If these measures were taken a few months ago, then the central bank would have got enough dollars to control the market," said Mr. Yanik.

Central bank reserves shrank to \$4.7 billion for the week ended March 25, down from \$7.7 billion on Dec. 31.

Stocks rose, however, with the Istanbul exchange's index up 7.7 percent, at 18,858.17. In lira terms, the market has gained 39 percent in the last five sessions.

Bugatti Weighs New Issue **Luxury Carmaker Looks to Wall Street**

By Jacques Neher tional Herald Tribune

PARIS - Bugatti Antomobili SpA, the Italian carmaker simultaneously trying to revive the Bu-gath brand and resuscitate Group Lotus of England, is facing a cash squeeze and might attempt a stock offering on Wall Street this summer, a com-

pany executive said. Mario Barbieri, vice chairman, also conceded in an interview that since last fall, Bugatti has been 100 percent owned by its founder, Romano Artioli, and his family.

In an International Herald Tribune article about Bugatti last month, Mr. Artioli, a former Ferrari dealer, had claimed that he beld only 18 percent in the carmaker, with the remainder owned by Luxembourg-based Bugatti International, whose stock he said was split among five European industrial

groups he would not identify. In the later interview, however, Mr. Barbieri said that Mr. Artioli had been a majority owner since the company's founding in 1987, but had sought to downplay his personal holdings in public because he. wanted to focus attention on the car - which sells in Europe for around \$450,000 - rather than on

himself, and because of his "Calvinistic" nature. "You will never find Artioli aboard a private yacht or playing in a casino," Mr. Barbieri said. These are distractions which are completely alien

to his nature." He said that, following the acquisition of Lotus from General Motors Corp. last August, Mr. Aruloli "exercised options" to buy out the other shareholders, whom he described as suppliers to the anm industry. He said Lotus, which offers sophisticated engineering services in the auto industry, would have been affected in the market if its customers suspected the company was in the hands of their competitors.

Bugatti, based in Campogalliano, near Bologna, says it has invested 130 billion lire (\$80 million) to develop and build the two-seat EB-110, the fastest touring car in the world, with a lop speed of 219 miles (350 kilometers) per hour. The company hopes to bring un market next year a high-performence luxury sedan called the EB-112.

The company recently appointed CS First Bos-

Co. to prepare the company's accounts for an outside fund-raising exercise.

Though a financing decision is not expected yet for several weeks, Mr. Barbieri said he envisioned making a public offer on Wall Street for perhaps 20 percent of Bugatti's equity, although he could

not quantify the amount he hoped to raise.

"We don't need a lot of money — we're not desperate," he said, adding that Wall Street was a "logical" place to float an issue because Bugatti is

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Mario Barbieri, vice chairman of Bugatti.

counting on the U.S. market to eventually account for 30 to 40 percent of the company's car sales. He said the current market turmoil would not affect a decision on an initial public offering, which would not be made, at the earliest, until June. Bugatti aims then to launch the EB-110 on the U.S. market through a dozen selected Lotus dealers.
However, Mr. Barbieri said the company is still

working to make the car conform to U.S. safety and emissions regulations.

EB Ettore Bugatti, an associated company which designs and markets a line of prestige goods under the Bugatti label, would not be affected by

the financing plan, be said.

A spokesman for CS First Boston in London said the cash-raising exercise would be "an offen-

sive move, not a defensive one." Mr. Barbieri said the purchase of Lotus, for an undisclosed sum, bad created a need for cash to fund new product development at Lotus and maintain current production schedules at Bugatti.

Lotus in 1994 plans to build 630 of its Esprit and Elan models. He said it also was working on a new "entry-level" small car, to be launched in 1996 or

1997, with a price tag under £20,000 [\$29,250). He said Bugatti this year would build 140 EB-110s—which he called the breakeven point—and ton Inc. to advise it on either a debt or equity start productive of the EB-112 in the second half financing plan, and it engaged Price Waterhouse & of 1995.

Bundesbank **Lets Rate Edge Lower**

FRANKFURT - The Bundesbank gingerly nudged German short-term interest rates lower on Wednesday, sanctioning a small cut in its securities repurchase rate. which sets the tone for other monev-market interest rates.

The Bundesbank allowed the securities repurchase rate to drop three basis points, in 5.73 percent from 5.76 percent the prior week. The tiny cur represented a slowing in the pace of recent declines.

Analysts said this could be an effort to forestall market speculation of a cut in the 5.25 percent discount rate, the floor in German money market rates, at the Bundesbank's next council meeting on April 14. Both rates are charged on loans to banks that are collateralized by government securities.

They could be sending an early sign that they still have room left before cutting the discount rate," said Gerhard Grebe, an economist at Bank Julius Bar.

The small cut allowed the Belgian central bank to cut its key central rate to 5.95 percent from 6.05 percent. A spokesman said the German easing had paved the way

for the Belgian cut. By allowing a decline, the Bundesbank continued a trend of gradually easing monetary policy. The Bundesbank had held the re-

ourchase rate steady at 6 percent from December, but last month started to let it ease. The pace of cuts has slowed in the past two weeks. Mr. Grebe said the rate could fall to about 5.40 percent before it

5.25 percent discount rate. Many economists said the

would begin to put pressure on the

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Very briefly:

J. Sainsbury PLC, the leading supermarket chain in Britain, formed and alliance with three other European chains to share market information. The other chains are Esselunga SpA, of Italy, Docks de France SA, and ETS Delhaize Freres & Cie. of Belgium.

• European Union finance ministers will meet Friday in Athens to consider ways to fund an ambitious public works plan that would create millions of new jobs by the end of the century.

Swissair's net profit in 1993 fell nearly 5 percent from the previous year. partially because of a decline in revenue caused by the creation of a parate food-service operation. The Swiss national air carrier will omit u dividend for 1993; the dividend was 10 Swiss francs (69 cents) in 1992.

· Britain has granted six new telecommunications licenses to increase competition for long distance service. Licences were granted to Spring Corp., the WorldCom unit of IDB Communications Group Inc., Groupe, Videotron Ltée, Telia, Telstra Corp. and Norweb PLC.

Bundesbank was likely to hold off . Escada AG, the German fashion company, trimmed its operating loss on a discount rate cut until May, by 50 percent in 1993 from 1992 and expects in turn a profit this year when it has access to April inflation because of reduced costs and a smaller workforce.

After Renault, Volvo to Focus On Core Units

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STOCKHOLM - Volvo AB, stung by a failed marriage with French carmaker Renault, said Wednesday it would concentrate more on its car and truck divisions in the future.

Chief Executive Soren Gyll, who ousted Pehr Gyllenhammer four months ago as the Renault link-up went sour, said Volvo "must be guided towards the company's core activities. The truck and car division must

Volvo posted a net less of 3.47 billion kronor (\$438 million) in 1993, largely due to huge costs involved in dissolving the ambitious cross-owner-ship deal with Renault. The loss occurred despite a 34 percent increase in sales.

Mr. Gyll market conditions for car and truck sales re-mained difficult.

He gave no indication that Volvo was considering quitting other activities, such as its 28 percent stake in Pharmacia Biotech AB and its majority stake in Branded Consumer Products AB, the former food operations of Procordia AB.

SCA of Sweden Cancels Plan to Acquire Otor

Campiled by Our Staff From Dispatches STOCKHOLM — Svenska Cellulosa AB, the Swedish forestryproducts company known as SCA, said Wednesday it had canceled plans to buy the French packaging company Otor Holding SA after failing to reach an agreement with Otor's principal owner, the Bacques family.

SCA said on March 29 it had reached a preliminary agreement to buy the family's 89.8 percent stake in Otor for 2.39 billion kronor

(\$302 million). Sten Lindholm, an SCA spokesman, refused to give details of the

two sides' differences. SCA also said it had called off a proposed 1 billion kronor share offering to help finance the purchase and canceled a special sharehold-ers' meeting scheduled for Monday

to vote on the rights issue. Mr. Lindholm said the cancellation had nothing to do with any claim that Otor's minority share holder, Stora Billerud AB, a unit of

Stora Kopparbergs Bergslags AB, had first rights to the majority stake.

Stora Billerud's president, Lars-Ake Helgesson, said the company was willing to sell its 10.2 percent stake in Otor to SCA and was not interested in buying the rest of Otor. Mr. Lindholm said SCA had not abandoned its strategy of trying to than a share of its profit.

strengthen its position in the European packaging industry through acquisitions.

> big markets - France, Italy and Spain - where we are not present at all at the moment," he said.

"We are still looking at all the

(Bloomberg, AFX)

■ Astra Expands Role

Astra AB said it had raised its stake in a joint venture with Fujisawa: Pharmacentical Co. to .90 percent from 51 percent. Reuters

reported from 50 The Swedish pharmaceuticals company also said it was taking full management control of the Japanese venture, Fujisawa-Astra, and had acquired all rights to sales of local-anesthetic products from Fu-

Astra said it had paid 1.8 billion kronor to Fujisawa in the transac-

The company also said it was considering taking a 50 percent ownership stake in Astra/Merck Group, a venture with Merck & Co. that sells a range of Astra products in the United States. It said it expected to make a decision late this year. At present, Astra receives royalties from the venture rather

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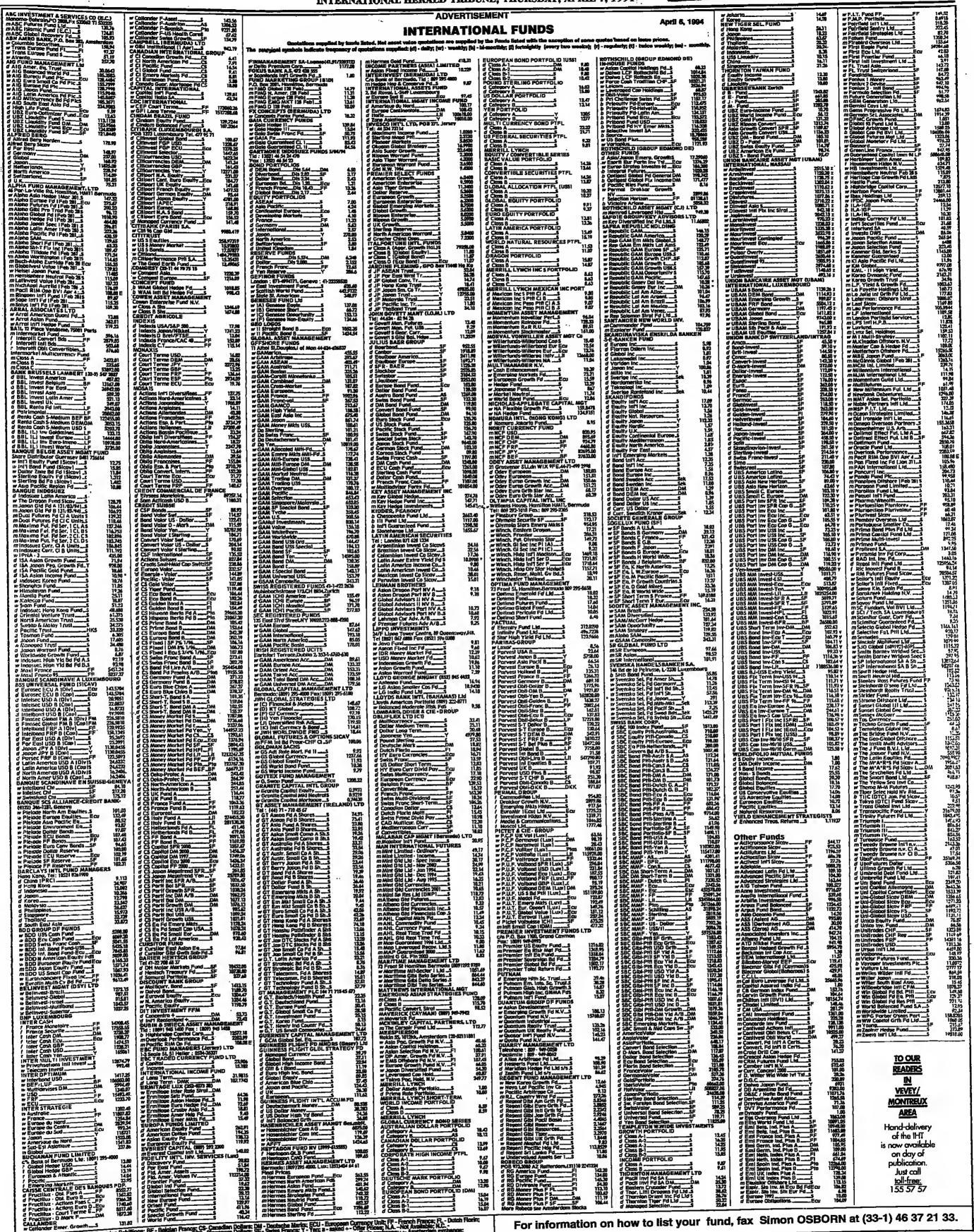
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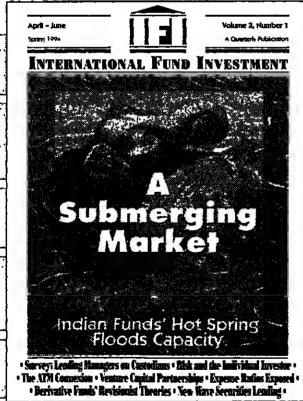
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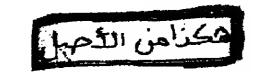
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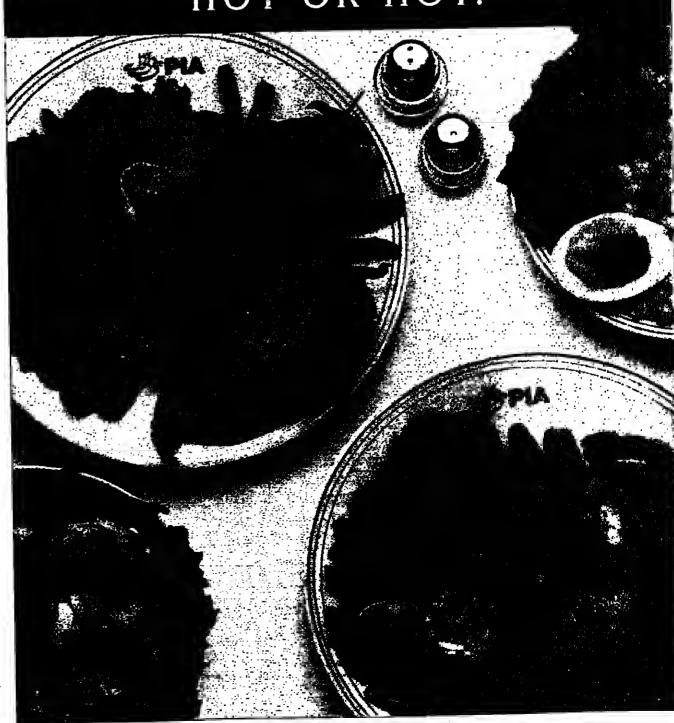
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Amid Fiscal Crisis, Athens Puts Heat On the Tax Evaders

ATHENS - The Socialist government levied new taxes on the wealthy and declared war on a notorious legion of tax evaders in a reform bill presented on Wednesday.

Finance Minister Alexandros Papadopoulos painted a picture of fiscal chaos, with public debt exceeding 26 trillion drachmas (\$100 billion) and revenue growing by 13 percent over the last three months, compared with a 23 percent target in the 1994 budget.

"Widespread tax evasion has led the country to a fiscal crisis," he

The most significant change introduced by the tax bill, which is due to go to parliament this week, is a long list of income criteria to be applied to hundreds of professional groups.

Professionals like doctors and lawyers are often accused by officials of grossly underestimating their income to evade taxes. Greece's "black" economy, all outside the tax net, is estimated at more than 30 percent of gross domestic product.

"We will try to expand the tax base with the introduction of a set of objective criteria to determine income of professional groups. Mr. Papadopoulos said.

Criteria include the value of property where businesses are located, office equipment, years of practice, size of staff and academic

Lawyers, for instance, declared an average annual income in 1993 of 1.6 million drachmas, doctors 3.0 million drachmas, accountants 1.6 million, dentists 1.8 million, and actors and musicians 1.3 million, national Economy Ministry data showed.

Wage-earners and pensioners declared more than 2 million drachmas on average in 1993. The bill will give fixed-income groups a break by raising their annual deductions by 40 percent in 1994.

The government has targeted the wealthy, levying higher taxes and promising a detailed examination of all income sources, except for money iovested in the stock market, Mr. Papadopoulos said.

Rising Rates Compound Canada's Debt Problem

By Clyde H. Farnsworth ment payments for cars and bome New York Times Service appliances, have jumped one to two TORONTO - Though Canada percentage polots sioce early

may deserve plaudits for its low inflation rate, a planmeting Cana-Although retes bave also climbed in the United States, the dian dollar has forced interest rates rise has bad more impact in Canahigher, threatening the country's recovery from double-digit unemda because Canada is more dependent on foreign capital to finance ployment and its most severe recesits deficits. sion since World War II. As a percent of gross domestic output, both the balance-of-pay-

The currency's dive to its lowest point in almost eight years mainly reflects nervousness over the goverament's ability to control the rising public debt.

The risk of secession by Quebec is also rattling foreign investors. If the separatists who are now leading in the opinion polls win the province's elections this year, there is concern that they could persuade a majority of Quebeckers to approve sovereignty for the province in a referendum.

'Canada's chronic dependence on foreign capital to finance bloated payment shortfalls leaves the financial markets very exposed to sudden shifts in investor confidence," said Aron Gampel, vice president and assistant chief ecooomist at the Bank of Nova Scotia.

The Canadian dollar fell Monday to 71.60 U.S. cents, its lowest point since August 1986. It has since recovered slightly, standing at 72.15 cents in late New York trading Wednesday. That is still three cents below its value at the begin-

ning of last month and down from nance Minister Paul Martin on expected savings.

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Canada's reliance on foreign

a big element in Canada's governhealth, unemployment insurance and other domestic programs has ment spending.

Sherry Cooper, chief economist at the investment from of Burns, caused its foreign debt to more than double since the early 1980s. The foreign debt stood at 252.8 billion Canadian dollars (\$183 billion) et the end of 1993, represent-Fry Ltd., echoing the view of many in Toronto's financial district, said the currency's weakness reflected a ine 8.792.61 dollars for every perloss of confidence in the governsoo in the country, e little more ment's ability to significantly rethan three times the per-capita forduce the hudget delicit.

Mr. Martin projected the budget Canada has one of the lowest deficit for the fiscal year that began Friday at 39.7 billion dollars, down inflation rates in the world, curfrom 45.7 billioo dollars in the year rently 1.8 percent. Yet Canadians. with their huge debt raising quesjust ended. tions of creditworthiness, must pay

But the rise in yields oo Canadian government bonds and Treasury bills since February already has increased the annual debt-servicing Many blame the Liberal govern-ment's budget, announced by Fi-nance Minister Paul Martin on expected savings.

expected savings.

Mr. Martin said his budget was ing those for mortgages and install- curred only in defense, which is not volatility that has shaken the cur- downgraded its debt. The latest to accounts, including interest pay-

rency market. "We are on track for our deficit targets," he said recently to attract money from abroad comin the House of Commons, adding that there was "sufficient room to

But many private ecocomists do not agree. They say the overall fed-eral debt of 570 billion dollars translates almost immediately into enormous added interest costs. Evinterest rates adds about 1.7 billion dollars to the deficit.

variables.

Mr. Martin wants to reduce the budget deficit to 3 percent of the gross domestic product by 1996. In the fiscal year just ended, the defi-cit was 6.4 percent of GDP, compared with 3.9 percent in the United States.

Canada's financial imbroglio has oot escaped the ootice of boodrating services, three of which have ion Bond Rating Service Ltd. Dominion lowered Canada's for-

from AAA. In a statement explain- such as Serge Racine, chief execuing its action, it said that if Mr. tive officer at Shermag Inc. a furni-Martin wanted the AAA rating restored, "meaningful expense reduc-tions must be achieved."

Inc. of Montreal a year ago lowered as a result of U.S. business.

But Mr. Racine wornes plus from AAA. In October 1992, Standard & Poor's Corp. downgraded the foreign-currency debt in the United States. from AAA. Moody's Investors Service Inc., however, still rates all

Canadian government debt as Aaa.

The higher interest rates needed pound the problems of reducing the deficit, slow down consumption maneuver, given the oumber of and thus could abort Canada's

fragile recovery. The five-month-old Liberal government bad counted on economic growth to put Canadians back to work. Although by economists measurements the recession offiery rise of one percentage point in cially ended in 1992, Canada still has more than 11 percent unemployment, compared with 6.5 per-cent in the United States.

A positive element is the help that the cheap Canadian dollar is giving to exports, especially goods sold in the United States. Canada's U.S. trade surplus is at a record \$15.8 billion, although its deficit with the rest of the world reduces the overall surplus to \$8.6 billion. To balance all its international

ments, Canada would need a trade surplus of more than \$25 billion. The decline in the Canadian doleign-currency debt rating to AA lar is felt by business executives

ture maker in Sherbrooke, Quebec. Shermag's sales jumped 90 percent last year, and it expects a gain

Canadian Bond Rating Service of 50 to 60 percent this year, chiefly But Mr. Racine worries about "imported inflation," as Shermag buys hardwood lumber and fabric

> "We don't want the dollar rate getting too low," he said, "because then our costs start really going up."



A User-Friendly Tourists' Guide to Getting Around and About in Internet

By Peter H. Lewis

New York Times Service
NEW YORK — The Internet is the virtual equivalent of New York and Paris. It is a woodrous place full of great art and artists, stimulating coffee houses and salons, towers of commerce, screams and whispers, romantic hideaways, dangerous alleys, great bbraries, chaotic traffic, rioting students and a population that is rarely characterized as warm and

In truth, the Internet and its metropolitan analogues are bome to many friendly people. (The Internet population, by the way, is roughly equivalent to that of New York City and Paris combined.) It is just that new visitors do not often meet them. First-time visitors may discover that finding the way around is an ordeal, especially if they do not speak the lan-

Newcomers to the Internet are warned repeatedly to avoid annoying the general popula-tion with their questions. They are urged to consult the FAQ a data file consisting of Frequently Asked Questions and, in most cases, answers. Almost every service on the Internet has its own FAQ file. The following are loternet FAQs for people thinking about the Inter-

Q. What is the Internet?

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together to share files and electronic mail, they form a network. Some individual networks consist of thousands of computers. The Internet is a network of thousands of networks, linking

A. When two or more computers are linked

ment agencies, libraries, nonprofit organiza-tions and millions of individuals. As octworks go, the loternet is dwarfed in size by the world-wide telephone oetwork, but because it links computers instead of telephones it has vastly,

Q. Is the Internet the same thing as the information superhighway everyone is sick of

hearing about?

A. The Internet is a sort of prototype for the data highway. Originally designed as a high-speed communications oetwork for universities and military research sites, the Internet has now spread its tentacles to include private and commercial clients. It may eventually be a backbone for the so-called data superfrighway, or it may become the equivalent of Route 66, by-passed by oewer and wider roads. As described by the Clinton administration, the highway will probably consist of computer oetworks, cable TV, interactive phone services and other tech-

Q. What can I find on the Internet? A. If you can imagine it, you can probably find

it. You can check the card catalogue of the Library of Congress, retrieve free software, get the latest news, send and receive electronic mail, complain about the Mets with fellow sufferers. get all the song lyrics from "Mystery Science

Theater 3000," look at dirty pictures, view NASA satellite images, reach the world's leading authorities on marsupials, look at dirty pictures of marsupials, and so on. There are literally thousands of "interest groups" on the oet. Finding things in such a vast data repository

is oot easy. There is oo comprehensive road map or directory. Part of the fun is exploring.

Q. What do I oeed to get onto the Internet? A. For now, the requirements are a personal computer, a device called a modern, a communications program, access to a telephooe line and an account with an Internet service provider. The computer does not have to be too fancy, although the ability to use Windows software or the Macintosh operating system is a definite plus. The modern should have a speed of at least 9.600 bits per second; 14,400 hits is better. Q. What is my first step in getting onto the

A. Go to the bookstore and get an Internet introductory guide. There are at least two dozen of them out there now. My favorites are, for Macintosh, "The Internet Starter Kit" by Adam Engst (\$30 and well worth it, from Hayden Books), and for other computers, "The Windows Internet Tour Guide" by Michael

Fraase (\$25, Ventana Press). Then, approach a

O. What level? You mean there is more than

A. There are essentially four different ways to tap into the Internet. In descending order of power, complexity and cost, they are the fol-lowing:

• The direct route, becoming an actual "node" oo the network. This is not an approach for the faint-hearted, unless you want to be-come a Unix system administrator.

• The dial-in direct account. This is the equivalent to tapping into an Internet artery, typically through a company called an Internet service provider. The advantage is that you get to choose the types of software and services you will use on the internet instead of having someone else choose them for you. You will have access to power tools,

 A dial-in terminal eccount, which is more like tapping into a narrower vein. Most Internet service providers offer simpler and cheaper ways to connect to the Internet through their computers, but they choose what services are available, and they determine what software

• The mail account. If all you care about is local computer users' group and ask for help in . exchanging mail with people on the Internet

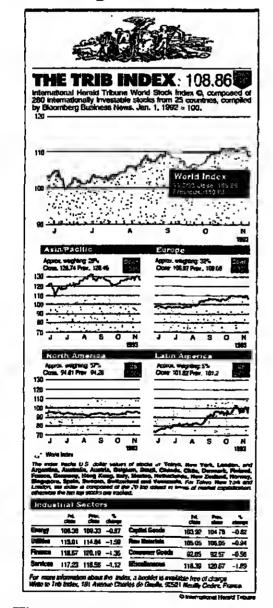
deciding what level of Internet connection you and other services, get a mail account from Prodigy, Compuserve, America Online or some other commercial on-line service.

> Q. You mean I cannot get onto the Internet through America Online or those other popular commercial services?

A. Not yet, and a pox on those services that suggest otherwise in their advertisements. They can plug the user into the Internet electronic mail system, but there is a big difference between sending mail to someone in Paris and actually strolling down a Parisian boulevard. These popular services will probably begin offering direct Internet connections later this year, bowever.

Q. How much does it cost to connect? A. Prices range from free to more money than you imagined. Some people pay hundreds of dollars a month for unlimited direct connections, while others pay hourly fees that average \$2. For a typical dial-up connection, figure oo \$20 to \$30 a mooth, For a dial-up direct connection, figure on a one-time connection fee that can be as high a several hundred dollars. Some services charge as bittle as \$30 a year but limit the time you can spend on the system, A growing trend is for cities to establish "free nets," for no-cost or low-cost public access

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Unemployment Surges Amid China's Boom

BELJING — The number of jobless workers in Chinese cities will increase about 25 percent this year, to 5 million, according to an estimate published Wednesday.

The government said previously that about 850,000 city workers lost their johs during the first nine months of 1993 and that a total of 4 million city residents were jobless at the end of the year. About 20 percent of them had been out of work for more than six months.

At the same time, the Communist Party newspaper People's Daily said the urban unemployment rate would not rise above 3 percent for this year and next year, up from 2.6 percent last year.

The rapid change of the economic structure has increased the difficulties of employment," said the People's Daily. This year and next year, the employment situation will be extremely grim."
It referred to China's bold moves

away from the socialist planned economy to a more capitalist-style market economy. The moves have exposed failings in many unprofitable state enterprises, still the back-bone job providers for China's 1.2 billion people.

"China's employment situation is extremely difficult, and the country now is faced with unprecedented challenges in deploying all the jobless," said Li Boyong, minister of labor. The official Xinhua news agency, which quoted Mr. Li, said China would try to register its unemployed to get some control over the situation.

Economists said China's unemployment statistics are misleadingly low because they do not include the large mass of rural unemployed and underemployed and mask much of urban johlessness behind euphemisms like "youths waiting

The People's Daily also said that a huge army of roaming laborers, fordable to ordinary people by who criss-cross the country looking 2010,"

Most of them come from a pool of 130 million surplus rural laborers.

The problem of unemployment is a sensitive one for the Communist Party leadership, which worries that social unrest could shake its hold on power.

One top economist, who is also a parliamentary deputy, warned last month that rising unemployment could be a bigger danger than rising

Many workers fear that China's nic reforms will eventually lead to bankruptcies among state enterprises, which in addition to providing work also offer homes, medical care and other benefits to millions of workers. (Reuters, AP)

■ Car Market Set for Growth

Private cars, currently the preserve of the wealthy and privileged, will be within reach of ordinary Chinese families by 2010 if trends keep on at present rates, a government statistician said, according to a Reuters dispatch.

State Statistics Bureau Deputy Chief Lu Chunheng indicated that Beijing saw the domestic automobile market as a main motor of

"China, with its population of about 1,2 billion, is now the world's single largest automobile market." Mr. Lu was quoted as saying by the China Daily on Wednesday.

The report coincided with the grand opening of Beijing's first imthe car's shift from a tool of privilege into an ordinary commodity. Beijing CIM Auto Mall is selling cars made by Ferrari, Audi Honda, Lancia, Volkswagen and

Mr. Lu said improving fiving standards, coupled with falling domestic production costs, should make Chinese-made sedans "af-

On Japan Trade, EU Speaks Softly Low-Key Talks Strike a Contrast With U.S. Approach

BRUSSELS — It was almost exactly five years ago that France's then-minister of European affairs, Edith Cresson, lectured a pair American reporters about the abysmal

U.S. trade deficit with Japan.

"Americans don't see what's going on with
the Japanese," she said. "They are like ants, eating you up. You just don't notice it, don't feel it, don't see it

Pausing, she added. "We plan to be firm with the Japanese."

The Europeans did try firmness. They worked to keep limits on Japan's anto xports, with France and Italy imposing especially tight quotas to guard their domestic industries. Since 1989, the 12 countries of what is now called the European Union have launched 26 anti-dumping charging Japan with unfair pricing. Occasionally, EU countries also took a page from the Japanese book of subtle but effective nontariff barriers.

French customs authorities, for example, decreed that all imported Japanese videocassette recorders had to be cleared at Poitiers, a city nearly 100 miles from the nearest port and staffed by a single customs inspector. The collective impact of these measures, however, hardly dented the Japanese trade

roggernaut. For Europeans, as for Americans, the imports kept growing. Japan's home market remained closed, and trade deficits swelled.

But as a frustrated United States reaches for a hammer to resolve its trade disputes with Tokyo, the Europeans are now trying a gentler approach.

While the United States has opted to revive

its feared "Super 301" legislation, enabling President Bill Clinton to impose sanctions on Japan, and forced showdowns with Japan in areas such as cellular telephones and semiconductors, the Europeans are engaging the Japanese in a quiet dialogue to try to move

Tokyo toward greater openness.
"We agree with the Americans' goal but
not their means," said Peter Guilford, the EU's chief spokesman on trade matters. In the area of trade, he said, "The Americans give the impression they can't venture out the door without a gun and holster."

It's hardly surprising that the Europeans have changed tactics,

In the years since Ms. Cresson vowed firmness, the EU's cumulative trade deficit with Japan has reached \$142 billion - a figure even greater than the American deficit with. Japan, when expressed as a percentage of

Japan's combined trade surpluses with the United States and the EU, the world's two other great industrial trading powers, came to

\$384.5 billion over the past five years.
While the EU's trade imbalance with Japan narrowed slightly in 1993, few saw that as the start of a trend. And there are other problems. For instance, Japanese direct investment in the 12 EU states was running at about 15 times the level of European invest-

ment in Japan, based on 1992 figures. The core of the present European strategy is something called a trade assessment mech-

"The Americans give the impression they can't venture out the door without a gun and holster. Peter Guilford, EU trade

anism, in which groups of Japanese and Europeans review the flow of trade in about 30 product areas to see where problems may lie.

spokesman.

In the 15 months since they were established, the groups have met eight times, though many of the initial sessions were devoted to groundwork such as having statisticians from both sides explain their methods and databases.

This has been an intensive exercise," said Tetsuo Yamashita, a trade specialist at Japan's mission to the EU. "People have gotten to know each other well. We're hoping for a positive outcome.

In an attempt to keep the talks away from the glare of publicity, both sides have agreed to a virtual news blackout on their contents, refusing even to name the product areas un-

The first real test of their effectiveness is expected to come toward the end of next' month, when the EU's trade commissioner, Sir Leon Brittan, travels to Tokyo for talks with Japanese leaders.

Some analysis say the Europeans could benefit from the intensity of Japan's dispute with the United States.

"The Japanese will be under pressure to do something," an EU trade official said, "They've got to show that there's a softer way to resolve these issues, that something less than browbeating works,"

The Europeans' low-profile strategy also reflects in part the different images Japan has in Europe and in the United States.

Despite its steady gains, Japan still accounts for only about 10 percent of the EU nations' total trade. Partly because of this, "Japan-bashing" has yet to become much of a political sport in Brussels. In the United States, by comparison, the Japanese share of

total trade runs around 15 percent.
One reason is that, since the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, West European politicians have been focusing more on the poten-tial impact of the new, low-wage emerging democracies just to their east than on Japan.

"Experience has shown that Japan only reacts to pressure, but that pressure can't just be brutal demands," said Helmut Laumer, a director of the Munich-based Ifo Institute for Economic Research. "The consciousness in Japan has grown enormously that something has to be done. Now is the time to work

Despite their criticism of American tactics. Sir Leon and other EU trade officials have begun to talk about a three-sided approach to. the problem, in which they would work with the Americans and Japan for more balanced

But they say the United States has failed to share information from its contacts with Tokyo that is necessary for increasing U.S.-EU cooperation. Some question the sincerity of American calls for closer coordination.

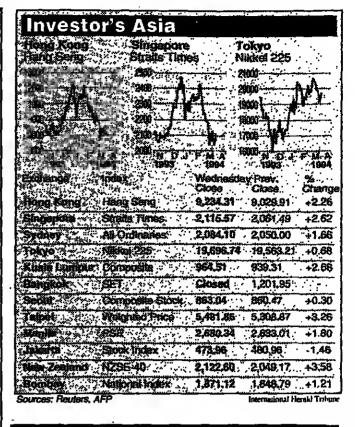
Still, there are signs that even supporters of the EU's tactics are growing impatient for results as the deficit with Japan persists. Some point out, for example, that while

negotiators from the EU and Japan last. month concluded an agreement that offers Japanese automakers a slight increase, to about 12 percent, in their share of the EU market in 1994, Japan's commitment to open its auto market to European cars has yielded! few concrete results.

■ Japan Sees a 'Brighter' Economy The Bank of Japan's governor, Yasushi Mieno, said Wednesday the country's economy was improving, but he declined to say, when he thought it would climb out of its three-year stagnation,

"The economy is brighter and close to bottoming out." Mr. Mieno said after three days of meetings with central bank branch;

But despite "growing expectations" of a recovery, Mr. Mieno said, "we have yet to see definite changes."



Very briefly:

South Korea will sell a 49 percent stake in the state-run domestic telephone monopoly, Korea Telecom, by 1996 in a series of stock offerings, Finance Ministry officials said

• China said it would become the seventh member of the Asia Pacific Preferential Trading Arrangement, known as the Bangkok Agreement.

No. 2 Weave Band Factory of Shanghai has become the first stateowned concern in that city to file for hankruptcy, and 10 more state companies are expected to follow, a Hong Kong newspaper controlled by

 The National Science Council of Taiwan awarded a \$61 million contract to TRW Inc. of the United States to design and make the first satellite to be placed in orbit by Taiwan; a council spokesman said the launching was planned for late 1997.

■ IntEa's leading private forecasting institute said the government's deficit in the fiscal year that began this month would be 668.96 billion rupees (\$21 billion), or 7.8 percent of gross domestic product, compared with the government's own initial projection of 6.1 percent of GDP. New Zealand's gross domestic product grew 4.6 percent in 1993 but

showed no growth in the last three months of the year, Statistics New

 Chinese Petroleum Corp. said it would cancel a contract with a unit of Brown & Root Inc. of the United States over what it said were improper dealings between the contractor and the imprisoned former president a

Bloomberg, Knight Ridder, Reuters, AFI

Earnings at Japan Banks Depressed by Bad Loans

TOKYO — Japan's 21 biggest banks, trying to rebuild their deteriorated asset quality, will announce larger drops in profit for the year to March 31 than earlier forecast because of aggressive write-offs of bad loans, analysis Wednesday.

Results are likely to improve this year as the economy moves into a moderate recovery, the analysts

The daily Nihon Keizai Shimbun reported pretax profits at the 21 city, trust and long-term credit banks probably fell 40.8 percent from the previous year, with total write-offs for had loans reaching 36.99 trillion ven (\$354 billion). Bad loan write-offs totaled 14.72

trillion yen in 1992. If the actual results match that an analyst at S. G. Warburg & Co.

was a sharp recovery in the price of real estate, which is collateral for many of the problem loans, banks will be forced to restructure or abandon loans for some time to come, which will continue to dent pretax profits.

at Nikko Research Center.

Banks have been far more ag-

"In terms of earnings, a full-fledged rebound is not likely until

speed up computerization on the

Bombay bourse to bring about greater efficiency and try to have

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longer trading hours.

report, they would be the worst of the latest business cycle.

gressive in setting aside provisions the year to March 1994 and down able to stock market declines in the for bad loans," said Mark Faulkner, 3.5 percent in the following year.

Standard & Poor's Corp., which tions for 1993 results do not in-last week lowered debt ratings on clude any last minute sales of equi-ties the banks, Sumitomo Bank, ties the banks may have done in Bank of Tokyo and Mitsubishi order to shore-up the bottom line. Bank, said it expected bad loans to Banks often sell equities to offset affect some banks for several years. bad loan write-offs.

well after the year to March 1996," said Katsuhito Sasajima, an analyst

Mr. Sasajima said he expected the pretax profits at major banks to be down an average 25.8 percent in

Some analysts said their predic-

Alicia Ogawa, an analyst at Salomon Brothers Inc., said she thought most of the banks intend to buy back shares at current market values in the year to March 1995, which would offset the positive impact of the sales.

"You're getting a decline in the value of disclosed bad debts, but an increase in the low or no-yield assets on the balance sheet." Ms.

Analysts added that buying back portfolios at market prices also would leave the banks more vulner-

gains could help ease present con- at the low levels of the past year. cerns about bad loan problems while "setting the stage for deteriorating profits in the future." . A rebound in the bond market in almost every month, according to

the closing weeks of March also bond trading.

Mr. Faulkner said the current

pace of nonperforming loan writedowns remains an encouraging sign.

analysts said. But a strong recovery

is unlikely if bank lending remains

Lending by Japan's 11 commer-

cial banks peaked in 1990, when

loans rose by around 10 percent

statistics from the Federation of

then lending started losing steam.

dropped to 7.5 percent and by Jan-

uary of this year, lending slipped 0.7 percent from the previous

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Head of Bombay's Bourse **Promises Radical Change**

Agence France Presse BOMBAY — The head of the Bombay Stock Exchange vowed Wednesday to push ahead with

radical changes to India's premier bourse so that it would catch up with world standards.

Bhagirath Merchant, elected as the exchange's president on Mon-day, said his one-year tenure would see far-reaching changes in the trading system and also said he

wanted to improve relations between brokers and regulators. 'Reforms, computerization, transparent functioning and cooperation with regulators are the tasks I have set for mysell," the former chartered accountant and

stockbroker said. We plan to introduce screenbased trading on Oct. 1. All the cash-share groups will be traded through computer terminals - 8 precursor to an options and futures market here," he said.

Mr. Merchant also expressed support for reforms that the market regulator, the Securius and Exchange Board ol India, is trying to introduce. The board has been working to improve transparency in market dealings.
India's stock market collapsed in 1992 apparently after brokers used

massive amounts of money bor-rowed from banks to inflate stock

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${\it Canada's Big Chill: Hockey Heads South to Seek Fortune in America}$

By Anne Swardson

·TORONTO — Canada, originator of ice hockey and supplier of most of the game's professional players, is in danger of losing large chunks of its national sport.
On the eve of this season's National Hockey League

playoffs, professional hockey has never been more American and less Canadian. Of the 26 teams in the league, 18 are based in American cities, including three of the last four new franchises

. The game that the Montreal star Ken Dryden once said was "weaned on long northern winters uncluttered by things to do" is being transformed by fans in shorts: The American Sun Belt alone has nearly as many NHL teams as does all of Canada.

Of the eight NHL teams in Canada, four say they are taxpayer dollars. fácing financial difficulties and may consider moving to U.S. cities that would be delighted to have them. Both the NHL and the players' association are run by American lawyers, and players from both countries are more and more reluctant to be traded to small-market Canadian

It is a sorry time for a country that worships hockey. Middle-aged Canadian men slap the puck around public rinks on Saturday mornings the way American men play

viewing audience doubles. Even the Canadian Broadcasting Corp.'s nightly news, normally on at 9 P.M., is pushed back by playoff games, often until as late as 11 P.M.

"Hockey is probably the most unifying force there is in Canada," said Barry Shenkarow, president and part-owner of the Winnipeg Jets. "It's what baseball is to the

The woes of pro hockey in Canada include the oeed to replace old arenas with new; the lack of a local corporate base to support skyboxes and other amenities; the high costs for small teams of spiraling player salaries, and the reluctance of Canadian local governments to chip in

In addition, players from both countries are demanding that their contracts with Canadian teams protect them against high Canadian taxes. And when they are traded to a Canadian team from an American one, they demand to be paid in U.S. dollars - more expensive for Canadian team owners as the value of the Canadian dollar keeps

American involvement in hockey goes back a long way. The Bostoo Bruins joined the NHL in 1925, eight years

Decades later, all of Canada went into mourning when the superstar Wayne Gretzky moved from the Edmonton

Oilers to the Los Angeles Kings in 1988.

But hockey old-timers say they are hard-pressed to remember a period when Americans have had more control of the game and when its presence in some parts of Canada has become so weak.

"The whole attitude has changed," said Al Strachan, bockey columnist for the Toronto Sun. "Hockey used to be part of the Canadian mystique. Now it's a bottom-line operation concerned with TV and making money, run by American lawvers and accountants."

Such dynasties as the 77-year-old Montreal Canadiens, winner of last year's Stanley Cup and 23 others before that, endure profitably. The Torooto Maple Leafs and the Ottawa Senators pull in respectable crowds even with the worst record in the NHL.

But the only thing keeping the Edmonton Oilers from moving to Minneapolis is a court injunction. Calgary has agreed to use federal tax money to renovate

pickup basketball. More than 1.5 million fans watch Hockey Night in Canada every Saturday through the loog winter months. During the six weeks or so of playoffs, the viewing audience doubles. Even the Canada complained that "hockey has put on viewing audience doubles. Even the Canada complained that "hockey has put on owners moved into owners moved into owner of the Quebec Nordiques and the mayor of the city, owner of the Quebec Nordiques and the mayor of the city, owner of the Quebec Nordiques and the mayor of the city, owner of the Quebec Nordiques and the mayor of the city, owner of the Quebec Nordiques and the mayor of the city, owner of the Quebec Nordiques and the mayor of the city. which is the NHL's smallest market, are at odds over who should pay for a new arena. And Winnipeg has declined so far to build a new stadium for the Jets.

The NHL commissioner. Gary Bettman, says the league wants badly to keep Canadian teams in Canada. At a meeting io Edmootou earlier this year with the mayors of the four small-market cities, he said he was optimistic the teams would stay put.

But Bettman said it would take major contributions from all sides to keep hockey in the heartland of Canada. "Our special preference is to keep teams in Canada," he said. "But the fact is there are [American] cities willing to do things to attract and keep a major-league team."

The arena in Winnipeg, for instance, is 60 years old. The Jets owners have given the city and the province of Manitoba until June 30 to say how much and under what Vancouver Canucks also remain powerhouses, and the conditions they would contribute toward building a new arens. Bettman implied that is what it will take to retain the Jets north of the 49th parallel.

"Our hope is to keep the team in Winnipeg," he added, "but we're not going to sit here and lose \$5 million to \$10 million a year so Winnipeg can have a hockey team."

Players also are reductant to play for some Canadian

teams. The reasons vary. In the last few weeks alone, two players for American teams have balked at moving to Vancouver; one finally went. Earlier in the year, another initially turned his cose up at Quebec. The smaller mar-kets especially are considered undesirable.

Coaches have been known to call a player into their office and say, 'If you don't smarten up, I'm going to trade you to Quebec, "said Strachan, the Toronto Sun columnist Canadians recognize that the new, higher profile may be necessary to preserve hockey, even if it makes some of the small markets uncompetitive. In a sport lacking salary cans for players or revenue-sharing among owners, a disparity among team finances is inevitable. They also bold out hope that a possible new pay-per-view hockey channel will give team owners the revenue they need.

Besides, Canadian fans say, Canada still dominates The arena is not the Jets' only problem. Like all Canadian teams, they must pay players who arrive from U.S. NHL players come from Canada, and 260 of the 297 teams in American dollars. Three-fourths of the Jets

Delgado's Plate-Glass Special Again Helps Make Jays' Night

If Carlos Delgado continues hitting this way, the hottest ticket at the SkyDome soon will be for one of the various restaurants overlook-

One game after startling several patrons of the Hard Rock Cafe high above the right-field fence with a homer off the glass of the bar, Delgado went one better in the Blue Jays' 5-3 victory over the Chicago White Sox in Toronto.

He sent Alex Fernandez's fastball off the glass of Windows Res-taurant, 445 feet (135 meters) from

And while Dennis Cook, who served up Monday's homer, is no slouch, Delgado said Tuesday's shot was sweeter, considering who pitched it.

"The guys oo the bench were telling me Fernandez likes to throw hard. I know he's a great pitcher," he said, "But he left a fastball over

the plate and I was looking for it." Paul Molitor made Delgado's blast even sweeter when he doubled home the tying run in the sixth inning, then scored the go-ahead

ers' general manager.

By Rick Weinberg

New York Times Service

Strawberry were evident as far back as last season,

according to Fred Claire, the Los Angeles Dodg-

makes you ask if something is wrong, and those questions arose with Darryl," Claire said before the

Dodgers won their season opener without Strawber-

ry. Their No. 3 hitter was placed on the disabled list

Monday after telling the team he had a drug prob-

km and agreeing to undergo treament.

Strawberry missed the Dodgers' final exhibition game on Sunday and did oot notify the club until nearly 11 hours after he was supposed to arrive at

Anabeim Stadium. As the first step in his treat-

ment program, Strawberry flew to New York oo

Last season, Strawberry was late many times for treatments on his ailing back. On June 22 he

LOS ANGELES - Signs of drug use by Darryl

error. Ed Sprague singled in another run for a 4-2 lead.

Julio Franco hit his first home run, a two-run shot to right field off Dave Stewart to put the White Sox

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up 2-1 in the sixth. Joe Hall got his first major league RBI and first hit with a broken-bat single to trim the Blue Jays' lead to 4-3 in the top of

Carter restored Torooto's tworun cushioo with his first home run in the bottom of the inning.

Angels 8, Twins 2: Bo Jackson drove in two runs in his California debut and the Angels opened the season with a victory at the Metro-

Chili Davis drove in three runs and Damion Easley scored three times. Jackson had a single and a walk in his first game since being released by the White Sox.

The winner, Mark Langston, gave up eight hits, including home runs by Dave Winfield and Pedro

Dodgers Suspected Drug Problem

Munoz, in 735 innings. The loser, Kevin Tapani, allowed seven runs on 10 hits and three walks in 34

Brewers 11. Athletics 7: Milwaukee broke its six-game losing streak in home openers, winning on an afternoon when the wind-chill temperature was zero Fahrenheit (mious 17 centigrade).

Billy Spiers and Alex Diaz, hoth in the lineup because of injuries, combined to drive in five runs. Dave Nilsson had four hits for the

Oakland, which had won six straight openers, took a 5-0 lead in the first inning after a grand slam by Terry Steinbach off Cal Eldred. But Bobby Witt could not hold the edge as the Brewers went ahead with a two-out, five-run rally in the

A crowd of 52,012 watched the coldest opener in Brewers history. Snow was on the ground behind the right-field bleachers, and it was 31 degrees Fahrenbeit with a 29 mile-

showed up in the fourth inning of a day game, thinking the club was playing a night game.

When Claire suspected a problem last season, he

said he spoke to Strawberry. "He was asked about

it oumerous times." Claire said. "We did oot sweep

it under the rug. We confronted him. But unless

you catch him or have hard evidence or the player

Claire expressed sympathy for Strawberry, but he said that he and Sam Fernandez, the team's

general counsel, were looking into the possibility

of voiding or reducing the team's financial obliga-

tions to Strawberry, who has two years left on his contract at \$4 million per season.

Strawberry flew to New York to meet with Dr. Robert Millman, who represents the commission-

er's office, and Joel Solomon, who represents the

When be played for the New York Mets, Straw-

berry entered the Smithers treatment center in

Manhattan for an alcohol problem.

players association.

steps forward, you cannot accuse the player."



Defino Shields crossing the plate to score the Dodgers' first run of the season as the Florida catcher Benito Santiago bobbled the ball in the first inning in Los Angeles. The Dodgers went on to win, 4-3.

Glavine's Fastball **Hurtles the Braves** Past the Padres, 5-1

thrown since '91, when I won the scored in the seventh on a wild thrown since '91, when I won the Cy Young Award," Glavine said after striking out nine while giving up just two hits in seven innings in Atlanta's 5-1 victory over the Padres in San Diego. "That's pretty much what I felt all spring training... and I just felt it again tonight." "It's just a matter of feeling a little stronger this year than I have probably the last two years." said Glavine.

bly the last two years," said Glavine, who struck out seven before San Diego got its first hit, a fourth-inning single by Derek Bell. "I really don't think I've had that kind of fastball in over two years. When I have that kind of fastball, I can move the ball in and out, and I end up getting a lot of my strikeouts

from the inside part of the plate."

The Braves of fense was provided by two rookies. Ryan Klesko and Javier Lopez homered as the Braves pounded five Padres pitchers for 14 hits. Klesko, who homered for the second straight game. went 3-for-5 with two RBIs as the Braves scored one run in each of the first five innings.

Mark Wohlers pitched a hitless righth inning, but Steve Bedrosian, who came on in the ninth, was touched for San Diego's lone run.

"Glavine was being himself."

Mets 6, Cubs 2: Newcomers Pete Smith, Kelly Stinnett and Jose Viztwo hits off Glovine. "He's got a caino each helped New York win great changeup. You could tell everyone was swinging through his pitches. He's a smart pitcher, as well as having good pitches."

Giants 2, Pirates 0: Bill Swift pitched seven strong innings and San Francisco shut out visiting Pittsburgh for the second straight

Swift gave up three hits, struck out three and walked cone. The Giants, who woo 8-0 Monday, had never started the season with consecuove shutouts. The Pirates had oever been blanked in their first two games.

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It was a vintage performance, sixth on singles by Willie McGee and Tom Glavine knew it. That's probably as good as I've by Todd Benzinger. The Giants pickoff throw by reliever Joel John-

> Dodgers 4, Marlins 3: Pinch-hit-ter Jeff Treadway lifted a tie-breaking sacrifice fly in the eighth inning, and Los Angeles beat Florida in its home opener.

> The Dodgers played without Darryl Strawberry, who is going into a substance-abuse clinic. Henry Rodriguez, Strawberry's replacement in left field, opened

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the eighth with a walk from loser Jeremy Hernandez. Pinch-ruoner Mitch Webster stopped short on a steal attempt when the Marlins pitched out, and escaped a rundown when rookie shortstop Kurt Abbott made a wild throw. Treadway hit a sacrifice fly in his first atbat for the Dodgers.

Expos 5, Astros I: Larry Walker hit a two-run homer, leading Ken Hill and Montreal to victory in Houston

Hill gave up six hits in six innings, and three pitchers finished with scoreless relief.

The Mets also started out last

season 2-0 before finishing 59-103 for the worst record in the majors. Chicago is 0-2 for the first time since 1987. Smith (1-0), acquired from At-

lanta in November, gave up two runs in seven innings. Stinnett, a rookie catcher, had a two-run double for his first hit in the majors. Vizcaino, traded by the Cubs for pitcher Anthony Young at the end of spring training, drew two walks from Jose Guzman and scored both

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To Be Bold or Not to Be Bold? Welcome to Augusta and the Big Debate

By Larry Dorman

New York Times Service

AUGUSTA, Georgia — Even now, Gene Sarazen remembers it as though it were last week. He can see the 15th green, with the pin cut on the right side. He can feel the breeze, smell the grass.

smell the grass.

In his mind's eye, he can recall the moment his caddie, Stovepipe, handed him his 4-wood for the most significant second shot in tournament golf history.

"I was debating with my caddie about whether to go for it or whether to play safe," said Sarazen, 92. "He said to me: 'Oh, we've got oothing to lose. Let's go for it."

Sarazen went for it, and it went in the hole, from 232 yards out, for double eagle.

from 232 yards out, for double eagle. That shot m 1935, which propelled Sarazen into a oe with Craig Wood and a subsequent playoff victory the next day, has come to symbolize the Masters, which starts Thursday.

To go for it or not to go for it, to be hold or to play safe. Those are the choices, the two excruciating dilemmas, when each player in the field reaches the par-five 13th and 15th holes at Augusta National Golf Club.

The answers often vary, and very often can determine the outcome of the tournament. The Masters probably has been lost more frequently than won on these holes. A short litany of the lost:

 Curtis Strange, who blew it in 1985 when he hit his second shot ioto the water at both holes on Sunday.

 Seve Ballesteros, who dumped it in 1986 when he hit his 4-iron into the pond at the 15th. · Billy Joe Patton, the amateur who led the 1954 Masters on the 13th tee on Sunday and then watered his second shot at both the 13th and 15th to lose the tournament

 Mike Reid, who laid up in 1989 and then deposited his wedge shot, his tie for the lead and chances of winning mto the pond at 15.

One flip side would be Nicklaus's 300-yard drive and heroic 4-iron into the 15th at 1986

to set up the eagle that propelled him to his most dramatic — and probably final — Masters victory. Nowhere are a player's choices more mag-

nified than at the Masters, and nowhere are they more likely, for good or ill, to be woven into the fabric of the game. No one forgets either the worst — Tommy Nakajima's 13 at the 13th in 1978 — or the best — Sarazen's 2 at the 15th in 1935.

It could be argued that Sarazen's "shot heard 'round the world" single-handedly recast the Masters from a clubby little gathering of Bob Jones's golfing pals into the mega-event it is today. It remains the standard against which all decisions are measured.

Take Chip Beck's choice during the final round last year. He laid up short of the pond at the 15th hole when he was three strokes behind Bernhard Langer. The decision by Beck, who finished second to Langer. prompted more argument than any shot in the last 10 years. The debate has yet to abate.

Many of the reactions were visceral. Little attention was paid to the four factors that come into play when a golfer decides whether to lay up or play safe: distance, he, wind direction and situation.

Only when all these are computed does the final element - a golfer's unique psychological makeup - enter the equation. Beck had 236 yards to carry the water, 249 yards to the pio. His lie was fair, but likely to produce a high shot. He had the wind in his face, hurting 20 yards. He didn't feel comfortable.

"It's 8 90-95 percent chance that I wouldn't have had a chance of getting there," Beck said recently. "I mean, I was 8 to 10 yards up ahead in the practice round and I couldn' get there with a wind that wasn't as hard. It wasn't a question of whether I would hit a

good shot. At that point, you don't want to hit a good shot and be dead." Given all this, it is reasonable to conclude that Beck made the correct decision last year. If a player is 90 percent sure he isn't going to make it, then it's virtually 100 percent certain.

The brilliance of the strategic design at Augusta National is embodied in the 13th and 15th holes. On the surface, they appear tame. Both are short. The 13th is, at 465 yards the shortest par-five in 115 tournayards, the shortest par-five in U.S. tourna-ment competition and the 15th is a mere 500 yards, much of it downhill.

These holes should be easy, and they are, for most of the tournament. Routmely, either hole plays to the lowest stroke average of the week. But, come Sunday, they are trans-formed from inviting little cupcakes into steaming cauldrons of pressure.

Even if a player decides to lay up, par isn't guaranteed. Reid's fat wedge shot in 1989 is the grimmest reminder of that. And even if he goes for the green in two at either hole and hits dry land, 5 isn't automatic. That's especially the state of the s cially true on Sunday, when ocrves are frayed and mistakes are magnified.

In the end, each golfer must factor in the variables and make his decision, Sarazen figured he had nothing to lose in 1935. He has said that if all the money at stake today had been at stake then, he might have laid up. That's a decision that, thankfully, we haven't



The Masters crowd was already assembled as Nick Faldo, a two-time winner, chipped out of a bunker during a practice round.

Basking in Victory, Razorbacks Harbor Visions of a Dynasty

By Malcolm Moran New York Times Service

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina - As much as the question always seems premature when the uniforms have oot yet been removed on the final night of the college basketball season, it inevitably barges its way into the thoughts of the players, a

verhal offensive foul. The national champioo Arkansas Razorhacks were in their dressing room at Charlotte Coliseum Monday night, acknowledgiog that ool even the persooal congratulations of President Bill Clinton had caused their new status to sink in.

Their 76-72 victory over Duke was as fresh as their dried sweat when Corliss Williamson, having just posed with the championship plaque, was asked about next season.

This time, though, it was obvious that he had already given the matter some thought. Williamson gave no indication that he was

tional Basketball Association.

The sophomore's look ahead appeared like a look way hack, to when he was in high school, and the confidence of the Nevada-Las Vegas Runnin' Rebels com-manded national attention.

That is Williamson's vision - a powerful defending national champion with an ability to draw upon the memory of past accom-plishments. When be imagines the 1995 Razorbacks, he sees the '91 Runnin' Rebels, "I remember how they used to go into another arena and say. We don't care who's here. We're men. Williamson said.

Arkansas had only two seniors, Roger Crawford and Ken Biley, who occupied six of the team's 170 starting spots this season. But the tournament's recent history has held several reminders that an indication as simplistic as the oumber of returning players does not necessarily project a champion. North Carolina had four returning start-

ers from the 1993 championship team, plus two of the most intensely recruited freshmen in the nation, and still failed to go

When the Arkansas sophomore Corliss Williamson imagines the 1995 Razorbacks, he sees the '91 Runnin' Rebels.

beyond the second round for the first time

Duke's 1991 and 1992 champions, the only back-to-back winner since 1973, oeeded the pass of Grant Hill and the shot of Christian Lacttner to combine for the lastsecond overtime victory over Kentucky -one of the most stunning moments in the

history of the tournament — simply to reach the 1992 Final Four.

back history came only after Scotty Thur- step it up to the oext level. man's high, tie-breaking three-pointer, with the shot clock down to 1 second and the Duke forward Antonio Lang lunging at him with 50.7 seconds to play.

And merely to have that opportunity, Arkansas had to respood to a 13-0 run by Duke that put the Razorbacks 10 points back with 17 minutes, 8 seconds to go. Seven seconds later, when Coach Nolan Richardsoo called time, Arkansas needed to re-establish itself.

coaching ability is underappreciated became an issue during the weekend, first reminded his players that the game was 40 minutes

touch the ball oo each possession.

"No.3, which is the most important: You better get your butts oo defense," A first national championship in Razor- Richardson remembered saying. "'And

They did all three," he said. After a loog pause, Richardsoo smiled

and added one last reminder of what he feels is a widespread lack of understanding about the coaching process. "I didn't draw up any plays," Richard-son said, and chuckled. "I dido't draw up

any X's and O's. I just talked to them. Because they aiready know the X's and O's, because we work on them every day. See, Richardson, whose feelings that his you coach people. You doo't coach X's and O's. That was the difference io the game. And it has been that way the entire year. That's how we talk."

Iong and they were taking shots quickly.

Then he emphasized that Williamson — and pretend I know what I'm doing," he Big Nasty, the coach called him — should added. "Especially if I think TV is looking

Despite Dispute, Pelé

ROME — The legeodary societ star Pelè on Wedoesday glossed over his differences with FIFA's president, João Havelange, and applauded the decisioo to grant Havelange another four-year term as head of

The FIFA president caused controversy in December when he barred

Pele from the World Cup draw io Las Vegas over a dispute between the former player and Ricardo Teixeira, Havelange's son-io-law and head of the Brazilian soccer federation.

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soccer's governing body.
"I think these four more years represent a tribute to what Havelange' has done for world soccer," Pelé said of his fellow Brazilian. "He is like a' father to me and it's obviously good for Brazil too."

The ban on Pele, the game's most renowned star, provoked fierce.

criticism of Havelange's autocratic style and led to rumors of a move to oust him. Havelange, 77, has led FIFA since 1974. But the five continental federations who form FIFA on Tuesday agreed to support Haveage's candidacy for a sixth and final four-year term.

UEFA, the European governing body, dropped plans to propose an Italian, Antonio Matarrese, as a rival candidate after receiving unspecified guarantees from the ruling body.

SIDELINES

Intrum Justitia in Whitbread Lead

SOUTHAMPTON, England (AP) — The European yacht Intrum Justitia became the third leader in three days Wednesday on the fifth leg of the Whitbread Round the World Race.

Intrum Justitia sailed to a lead of 1 nautical mile (1.8 kms) over Tuesday's front-runner, the Japanese-New Zealand entry Tokio, and was 3 miles ahead of the Japanese-New Zealand boat Yamaha, which had led. two days earlier. All three boats are Whithread 60s.

The lead also changed at the head of the Maxi class, where the French. entry La Poste held a 2 mile advantage over Merit Cup of Switzerland. New Zealand Endeavor dropped from first to third, 3 miles adrift. The leading Maxis trailed the leading Whithread 60s by 25 miles as the fleet. sailed north on the fifth day of the 5.475-mile leg from Punta del Este, Uruguay, to Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Austria Soccer Club Faces Insolvency

VIENNA (AP) — Rapid of Vienna, 29-time Austrian soccer league: champion, winner of 13 Austrian Cups and a 1985 European Cup. Winners' Cup finalist, is insolvent but may survive if a sponsor is found. Rapid, which hasn't won a league utle since 1988 and cup crown since 1987, shows assets of 880,000 schillings (\$73,300) and liabilities totaling 12.0 millions by the decleration of insolvence on Tuesday came is 31.9 million schillings. Its declaration of insolvency on Tuesday came a day before its sister corporation, Rapid Finanz AG, a financing and

public relations company, also declared its insolvency.

The financing company, largely owned by Bank Austria, will discontinue operations after a debt settlement is approved, but the club hopes to keep playing. Cluh officials said that Rapid will continue playing for the rest of the 1993-94 season, and players will be paid from a state insolvency fund until a settlement with creditors is reached. Founded to 1899, Rapid won its first league title in 1912 and its first Austrian Cup

Holyfield Signs Casino Deal Until '97

LAS VEGAS (AFP) — Evander Holyfield, the world heavyweight boxing champioo, has signed a contract with Caesar's Palace to be the site of any title defense through 1997, officials of the resort casino said. The agreement includes defenses against Lennox Lewis, the WBC champion, Riddick Bowe, the former IBF champion, and the former champioo Mike Tyson. Holyfield defends his IBF and WBA utles at the casino on April 22 against Michael Moorer.

For the Record

Guido Buchwald, 33, a long-time regular defender on the German national soccer team, confirmed Wednesday that he was transferring to Urawa Red Diamonds in the Japanese league after the World Cup finals

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Cigarette National Park

WASHINGTON — The ciga-rette companies are worried cal balance, which is what cigarette that the anti-smoking campaign is catching fire and the U.S. government may issue stronger regula-tions concerning the use of tobac-

Many government and private

buildings have "No Smoking" regairplanes, trains and massage parlors. Golf courses are seriously thinking hanning smokers, as are schools, shopeven foothall

Buchwald So where do **Buchwald** people go to fill their lungs with nicotine? The government is work-

One suggestion making the rounds here in Washington is that the government set aside a piece of land somewhere in the United States where smokers could go when they wanted a cigarette. Yellowstone Park has been mentioned, but conservationists have opposed the idea because they fear that second-hand smoking would make all the grizzly bears sick.

The Mojave Desert in California is also being studied, as are Las Vegas casinos.

A member of the search commit-tee, Minnie Broderick, told me: We'd like to make the smoking areas as convenient as possible but

Pompidou Center Will Not Close

PARIS — The Georges Pompidou center will be overhauled in sections, Culture Minister Jac-

ques Toubon said Wednesday.
The 440 million franc 1\$75 million) project will entail closing part of the museum from 1997 to 1999. Opened 17 years ago, the center is unable to cope with hordes of visi-

The Paris Opera's Palais Garnier is also being renovated. It will be spotted owl but nobody gives a closed from mid-1994 to early 1996 damn about saving the Marlborn for the 350 million franc project.

for smokers is that no state in the union wants them."

"Why should we get the nicotine from New Jersey?" a Florida legislator asked after hearing that Washington was going to buy the Everglades and turn it over to smokers. In a debate on the House floor he yelled, "Doesn't anyone here give a damn about alligators?"

The smokers were not too thrilled about the government idea either. A two-pack-a-day lohbyist from Greensboro declared, "I'm not going to Nebraska just to light up. I have a right to smoke here at home. You can take North Carolina out of the smoker, but you can't take the smoker out of North Caro-

To make life more pleasant for those who would be going to the smoking "reservation," the government is seriously thinking of get-ting the Army Corps of Engineers to build gambling casinos.

Minnie Broderick tried to ex-plain: "We realize that we are inconveniencing people by making them go so far away to blow smoke rings. But it had to come to this or ban smoking in the entire country. Once everyone gets used to the idea we will all be better off."

The tobacco companies are fighting the idea like mad. "No-body has proved conclusively that cigarettes are bad for you," said Dina Tuft, an industry lobbyist.

"As a matter of fact, the doctors under contract to us have proved that a cigarette inhaled after someone has been shot can save that person's life. If Congress takes part in this giveaway we'll see that every incumbent is defeated by refusing to provide ashtrays for their fundraising dinners.

Other sites still being considered are the tundra in Alaska, the Rocky Mountain Arsenal in Colorado and the Whitewater River in Arkansas. Minnie Broderick admitted that there could be a delay in opening up the smoking area because the tobacco states also intend to fight the plan. As one Virginia senator put it, "Everyone worries about the Is Anybody Playing Really New Jazz?

DARIS - People are always asking me questions like: "What have you been listening to lately? Is anybody playing really new jazz? What records should I huy?" Having trouble thinking vertically, I generally panic and mumble.

The talented under-30 post-Wynton

Marsalis generation of tradition and blues-oriented players has installed itselfas the immediate future. It is being called a movement. They build on the past and may one day leap into the future, but for the present most of them sound like other. mostly dead, people. They are well-be-haved, intelligent, highly specialized technocrats. They communicate to the intellect and the ego, not the soul.

I began taking notes in cafés. Gulp! I was listening mostly to dead people too. I made it a point to look for living jazz in the present tense. It is not lacking — John McLaughlin, John Scofield, Dennis Chambers, Joshua Redman, Charlie Ha-

den. Trilok Gurtu, Abbey Lincoln, Niels Lan Docky, Tom Harrell . . . The search led me to La Villa, a small and spiffy club in Saint-Germain-des-Prés, on a slow and drizzly night to hear the young electric guitarist Wolfgang Muthspiel. He was almost hierally pushed up several notches by his percussionist and drummer Don Alias. Listening to Alias is definitely worth a detour. A tall, proud, dark-skinned man with short-cropped steel-gray hair, flashing eyes and lots of dignity, swing and savvy, be has played with Joni Mitchell, Jaco Pastorius, Miles Davis and just about everybody else, and when Don says, "Wolfgang's for real," it's

an endorsement to take seriously. I decided to talk to the little-known but highly touted Austrian to learn something about how young people are coping with the weight of history.

Muthspiel is a thin, timid, pale, boyish and above all very serious man just getting used to saying he's 29 years old. Growing up in a musical family in Graz, he was a good boy who adored practicing the violin. His parents entered him in competitions, he won his share. At the age of 14, however, he said, looking down embarrassed,

"The hig revolution happened,"
He hesitated: "I got kicked out of school . . . had trouble with my parents. smoke cigarettes, hang out with girls, cut class. It was a process of finding myself,"
Picking up courage, he continued: "Teachers wanted to break me. There are still some very authoritarian teachers in Austrian schools. I already knew what I wanted to do at this point and it had nothing to do with the violin.

I feared the worst. He grew hair down to



Wolfgang Muthspiel: "We will only be able to talk about my music in 30 years."

his waist, dyed it green, dropped Ecstasy, played Led Zeppelin licks with high distortion on electric guitars and then smashed them to pieces. His poor parents. But no, Muthspiel's story always seems to

tuck itself back in. He switched to the unthreatening acoustic classical guitar and played Bach lute suites, flamenco and tyme folk music. Coming from classical, "the middle ground" of the esoteric German label ECM appealed to him — such people as Ian Garbarek, Terje Rypdal and John Abercrombie. After a year of "intense dra-ma," he reconciled with his parents. His father, a classical conductor, "realized that the only way we could continue to hang out together was for him to learn about improvised music. He was cool."

We learn to be cool from our children. Tucked in.

By the age of 22, Wolfgang was in the U.S. and discreetly plugged in playing electric guitar with the vibraphonist Gary Burton's tasteful quartet. Burton controls his musical environment, his choice of tunes and accompaniment leads his sidemen to play what be wants to hear. He's known for building up young players who leave him to become leaders on their own just as they mature.

"It must be hard for Gary to have that happen all the time," Muthspiel said, "like losing sons. Gary is so clear, he defines his musical space so well you can see the reflection of your own ideas in it. All the time I was with Gary I thought about doing my own thing.

Burton's concept was: You hasically always play the tune. Muthspiel was more interested in extended, risky, improvised composition. This is less commercial but he doesn't care. He makes a living playing music he wants to play, which is a privi-lege, and he appreciates that. But his view is more long-term; "We will only be able to talk about my music in 30 years. Every step should be a universe within itself, but it's the continuity that interests me. Right

now I'd just like to have a steady band." His wife is a stage designer who likes European theater better than the American and they moved to Vienna a year ago. The jazz scene is too limited there and that road still leads inevitably to New York. They will return.

"How do you feel about it?"
"A little lost. Homeless. I wouldn't want to have a family right now because I don't want to come home to a kid who doesn't recognize me. I'm a nomad now, that's what real jazz musicians are. I like the road. Spending my time in neutral places like airports and hotels forces me to create my own space on the bandstand for two hours in the evening. Being alone is healthy for a musician. On tour, the music grows and grows.

"I'm really jealous of Don Alias. he played with Miles. Boy. I wanted to do that, to learn how to use space from him, but he died on me. That whole generation of originals died — Miles, Dizzy, Getz, Dexter, Chet. It's as though Mozart, Brahms. Debussy and Stravinsky all died within five years of each other. How can we survive that?

"Now we are in a strange direction. Young people are playing in reference back to dead musicians. These cats love their forefathers, they're serious and they're humble and I like that hut somehow they don't reach me. I want to play new music, I don't care if you call it jazz or not. I'm trying to think of somebody who calls to me more directly and personally in the present . . .

After reflecting for a few beats, the same name came to both of us. "Keith Jarrett."
we said in unison. He continued: "The Keith Jarrett Standards trio is right on the money. Gary Peacock and Jack DeJohnette. On the corner. They are able to make the old new again. They are streamlined. Their music is clean, clastic, original intelligent and bonest. That's the way I'd like the future to he."

He hrightened up then immediately glum, like he'd been balled out by an authoritarian Austrian schoolteacher, Not tucked in this time. "The only problem," he said, "is that I don't think the future is actually going to be like that,"

PEOPLE

A Fine and a Warning: Stay Away From Taxis A London magistrate granted

bail Wednesday to the Marquess of Blandford, the troubled heir of the Duke of Mariborough. The marquess. 38. who has had several brushes with the law and has acknowledged a drug problem, spent Tuesday night in jail after failing to appear in court on charges of stealing a checkbook and not paying a taxi fare. Magistrate Stuart Black fined Blandford £200 (\$300) for missing the court date, ordered him not to take any taxis and freed him on £5,000 bail. Last mouth the trustees of Blenheim Palace, which Blandford will one day inherit, began proceedings to limit his eventu-al control of the estate.

The asking price for Barbra Strei-sand's Malibu, California, estate went up by millions of dollars just before she gave it to a conservation agency, raising questions about the size of the tax break she may get. When the gift to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy was announced in November, Streisand's agents said the property had been valued at \$15 million. But an appraisal of the property failed to mention that the property had gone unsold at \$11.9 million.

Jean-Claude Duvalier, the former Haitian president, has departed his luxury home in the hills above Cannes on the French Riviera, leaving a string of unpaid bills, according to his landlord's lawyer and others. He left no forwarding address when he departed, after a local court ordered him to pay 500,000 francs (\$85,000) in damages and interest on unpaid rent. For the last four years he had rented the villa for 800,000

The actor Tony Curtis, 68, was resting comfortably in a Los Angeles hospital after undergoing heart bypass surgery.

Wesley Snipes was thrown from his motorcycle but not seriously hurt after a police chase, the Florida Highway Patrol said. He was given a ticket for reckless driving.

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U.S. Compromises On Labor-Rights Issue

Deal With Third-World Countries Paves the Way for Signing of GATT

By Alan Friedman

PARIS — The United States and Third World countries reached a compromise Thursday that ends a rancorous dispute over Washington's demand that workers' rights be linked in trade issues and paves the way for the formal signing next week of the GATT world trade agreement.

The diplomatic breakthrough, which was brokered in Geneva by Peter Sutherland, the director-general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, eliminated a controversy that had threatened to overshadow GATT ceremonies in Marrakesh, Morocco, between April 12 and 15.

The compromise allows the United States to raise the subject of workers' rights but it does not allow for any substantive discussion during the ceremonies next week.

In recent weeks, the United States and France have led a drive to force discussion of what they see as unfair trade advantages for countries that export cheap goods thanks

to poor working conditions.

The initiative has triggered strong opposition from the rapidly growing and export-driven economies of Asia, and especially among governments such as Singapore, Malaysia, and India, all of which have been criticized in the West as unfair in their treatment of workers. Until Thursday, most Third World delegates to GATT refused to accept any discussion of labor standards, contending the issue was merely an excuse

While France and other members of the European Union have sought compromise behind the scenes, Washington has threatened to block the final declaration by 121 trade officials who will be in Marrakesh to sign the final act of the Uruguay Round of GATT talks. The United States also said it would hold up the work of the preparatory committee that is planning the start of the World Trade Organization if other countries

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failed to agree to discuss workers' rights.

Mr. Sutherland said in an interview that
the compromise was "an equitable solution"
that would insure the harmonious launching of the World Trade Organization. The organization, scheduled to come into existence in January, is to absorb the GATT secretariat.

The diplomatic deal calls for the issue of workers' rights to be mentioned in the closing statement by Sergio Abreu Bonilla, the Uruguayan foreign minister who will chair the Marrakesh meeting. John Schmidt, the chief U.S. trade negotiator, said the statement would include language requested by the United States referring to "requests for an examination of the relationship between the trading system and internationally recognized labor standards."

In addition, Third World diplomats dropped their resistance to the trade-andlabor link being added to the agenda of the preparatory committee as part of its man-

In Washington, Mickey Kantor, the U.S. trade representative, hailed the break-through, saying that "global trade ultimately depends on rising standards of living."

In an apparent reference to Congressional demands that the subject be included in the GATT context, Mr. Kantor added: "Enforcement of international labor standards helps to maintain support for trade liberalization in developed countries by assuring them that they do not have to compete with exploited workers and by assuring them of expanding markets abroad."

In Paris, a French official said Thursday the compromise followed a frenetic round of telephone consultations in recent days involving Mr. Kantor, Gérard Longuet, the French trade and industry minister, Sir Leon Brittan, the European trade commis-sioner, and Mr. Sutherland. Among the other diplomats who achieved Thursday's compromise were representatives from Singapore, India, Brazil, Malaysia, Sweden, and Morocco.

Singapore's ambassador to GATT, Krishnasamy Kesavapany, claimed that while the United States had made progress on workers' rights and trade, "we have protected our position." In particular, he played down the significance of labor conditions being discussed by the preparatory committee for the World Trade Organization, saying it would be only one of a dozen new agenda items that would be raised by Japan, the European Union and other parties to the GATT ac-



Israeli police guarding the site of the shooting in Ashdod, Israel. Militants threatened more attacks in revenge for the Hebron massacre.

Bloodletting Sweeps Rwanda Capital

By Keith B. Richburg

Washington Post Service
NAIROBI—Rwanda appeared in the throes
of political anarchy Thursday, with soldiers and
civilians rampaging through the streets of the
capital, Kigali, following the deaths Wednesday of President Invenal Habyarimana of
Rwanda and President Cyptien Ntaryamira of
Burundi in a plane crash possibly caused by a
rocket.

Reports from Kigali said automatic weapons fire, mortars and heavy machine guns echoed throughout the capital for most of the day beginning at dawn. The fire was concentrated around the presidential palace and in neighborof youths roamed the streets hacking civilians to death with machetes and knives.

[A United Nations spokesman in Kigali said the Rwandan prime minister, Agathe Uwilingiyimana, was killed on Thursday near the presidential palace, Reuters reported. "We are

still trying to find out how it happened," the and diplomats on the scene, that government

[Mrs. Uwilingiyimana, a Tutsi, was appointed in July last year and was one of Africa's first women prime ministers.] "It's still very chaotic in Kigali," said Pat Johns, the coordinator of African programs for

Catholic Relief Services, which has an office in the capital. "There are reports of a lot of shooting going on and we have reports of a number sassinations. The military appears to be using this as an opportunity to go after members of the government."

This bodies of Il Belgian UN soldiers were hoods housing government ministries as rival found Thursday after they were kidnapped by military factions battled for control and gangs members of the Rwandan presidential guard, Agence France-Presse reported, quoting a spokesman for the UN mission in Kigali. The spokesman, Moctar Gueye, said that three other Belgian military observers earlier reported

dead were safe.] There were persistent reports, from witnesses ministers were being rounded up by soldiers and that some had been executed. Belgian BRTN Radio reported that several ministers and top officials had been killed, and other sources in Brussels and Paris said many government officials had gone into hiding.

Kigali's airport remained closed, and a group of journalists who tried to enter on a charter flight were diverted to neighboring Uganda. Telephone communication to Rwanda was extremely difficult, and many of the specific reports of violence in the capital could not be confirmed. But those who were in contact with Kigali painted a picture of a city gone comcharge and lawlessness on the streets.

There are 2,500 UN peacekeepers in Rwanda monitoring a truce reached last year between Mr. Habyarimana's Hutu government and re-bels of the Tutsi-dominated Rwandan Patriotic

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Palestinian Kills Israeli In New Attack Of Revenge

Territories Sealed Off; Peres Says Gaza-Jericho Talks Will Go Ahead

By David Hoffman

Washington Pan Service

JERUSALEM — A Palestinian from the Gaza Strip opened fire Thursday with a submachine gun on a bus stop near the port city of Ashdod in southern Israel, killing nne Israeli and wounding four. Bystanders returned fire and killed the Palestinian.

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For the second day in a row, Islamic guerrillas elaimed responsibility for the violence, say-ing it was revenge for the Hebron mosque

As victims of a car-bomb attack Wednesday in the Israeli town of Afula were eulogized at funerals attended by thousands of mourners, angry demonstrations broke nnt and a repre-sentative of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's government was jeered and had to be escorted

away by the police.

Israel sealed off the West Bank and Gaza Strip, denying all Palestinians permission to enter Israel's pre-1967 borders and barring all Arab cars from crossing at checkpoints. A partial closure had been in effect since the Hebron massacre on Feb. 25. Prior to the closures, about 50,000 Palestinians were crossing into Israel each day for work.

Israeli officials expressed disappointment and anger that Yasser Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, had re-mained silent on the Afula car-bombing, although several other prominent Palestinians condemned it. In Cairo, Mr. Arafat was repeatedly asked about the bombing and refused to

The United States said Thursday it was not satisfied with the PLO's reaction to the murders of Israeli civilians and expected Mr. Arafat to condemn the killings, Reuters reported from Washington.]

Shimon Shetreet, the hawkish Israeli economics minister, called for a postponement in the Gaza-Jericho talks until Mr. Arafat condemned the spicide car-bombing, which killed

eight people, including the driver of the car.

Bot Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said that
the talks io Cairo would oot be derailed by the
attacks, and Israeli officials said negotiations would resume early next week.

However, Israelis said the discussions hit new snags this week on issues which they thought had been settled in earlier rounds, such as which roads in the Gaza Strip and Jericho will be used by the Palestinian police. As a result, the expected arrival of Palestinian police officers has been delayed, officials said.

The Afula and Ashdod attacks were both directed at bus stops inside Israel, and have unleashed new fears among Israelis of a wave of revenge for the Hebron massacre, in which an Israeli settler opened fire on Arab worshipers, killing at least 29. Mr. Rabin's government is under pressure to respond, and he summoned his security cabinet in a rare Friday meeting in discuss the security situation.

The attack on Thursday occurred at 9:30 A.M. along the main road between Tel Aviv and the Gaza Strip, at a busy intersection near Ashdod where soldiers and workers often hitch-

Ali Taleb Amawi, a resident of the Beach Refugee Camp in Gaza, had permission from the Israeli authorities to cross into Israel. At the junction, he opened fire on the bus shelter with an Israeli-made Uzi submachine gun.

Israel radio reported that the weapon had been stolen recently from a Gaza army base. The shooting killed a civilian, Yishai Gedassi, 31, and wounded four others. Twn bystanders then opened fire and killed Mr. Amawi. Police said they had found six additional ammunition clips on his body, as well as a knife. Also on Thursday, two Israelis were stabbed

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Hollywood to the Rescue As Culture War Abates

By Tom Buerkle al Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS — In a notable cooling of the trans-Atlantic culture war, backbiting has given way to deal-making between American and European filmmakers as both sides cooperate to revive Europe's ailing film in-

The seven major Hollywood studios have begun a discreet dialogue with European producers aimed at increasing U.S. investment in film and television production and distribution in Europe, and giving European movies wider play on U.S. screens, industry

In addition, the studios on their own have been seeking co-production deals with European producers and broadcasters. Twentieth Century-Fox recently became the first American studio in invest in a co-production aimed only at the European market, building a \$2.5 million science-fiction fantasy set in London for a game show that will air in Britain, Spain, Germany and Scandi-

"We recognize that there is a need for us to be involved in programming that has European content," said Doug Schwalbe, Century-Fox International Televisinn. That is a growth area for us in what is basically a mature industry."

The new spirit represents a deliberate effort by both sides to prevent a fresh political clash over movies like the quarrel that nearly undermined the world trade negotiations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in December.

"Since GATT, the atmosphere has changed quite radically and it's infinitely more encouraging," said David Puttnam, the British producer of such films as "Chari-ots of Fire" and "The Killing Fields" and former head of Columbia Pictures.

The change in atmosphere helps explain the subdued reaction to a European Commission green paper on film and television policy, which was formally made public Thursday.

To be sure, the paper was written in a way to provoke debate rather than controversy, posing questions about policy alternatives instead of proposing new barriers to entertainment imports or subsidies for local film

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U.S. Foreign Policy's New Heavyweight

By John Lancaster

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary William J. Perry is emerg-ing as the unexpected heavyweight of the Clinton administration's

beleaguered foreign policy team.

The mild-mannered former engineering professor hardly seems suited for the role. His background tends toward technology and management, not grand strategy. He trembles visibly in front of television cameras. He recently said he could "think of about 16 reasons" in have passed up the defense secretary's job and gone home

But barely two months after he took over the post from Les Aspin, Mr. Perry, 66, has already made his mark, staking out firm - and at times controversial — positions on such high-priority national security matters as Russia, Bosnia and North Korea.

At the same time, uniformed leaders say, he has restored a sense of order and discipline to the Pentagon, streamlining the department's policy shop by eliminating two of six assistant secretary jobs and conducting crisp, clear meetings that begin on time and often end with a decision. In the process, be has helped repair the Clinun administration's sometimes prickly relationship with military leaders, who chafed under Mr. Aspin's lax management style and perceived habit of limiting major decisions to a small circle of civilian aides.

"He's doing terrific," said General Merrill A. McPeak, the air force chief of staff, citing the Korean scenario as a premier example. There was a feeling of disconnectedness, and all of a sudden Bill Perry stepped on stage as the spokesman of the policy as well as an obvious Visibility has its price. Some State Department officials bridled at

Mr. Perry's recent effort to define the administration's Russian policy as one of "pragmatic partnership" — Mr. Perry's own coinage, according to an aide — and suggested that he had overstepped his

State officials also grumbled about his statement on an NBC TV program last Sunday that the United States would not use force to prevent Serbs from overrunning the UN-declared safe area of Gorazde; critics described the statement as a virtual invitation for continued Serbian attacks.

Pentagon officials noted, however, that Mr. Perry also left open the possibility of NATO air strikes against the besieging forces if circum-See PERRY, Page 3

Europe Sets Sights on 'Son of Concorde'

By Jacques Neher al Herald Tribune

PARIS - Fearing Europe will be left behind in the international effort to develop a long-range supersonic airliner, the three largest Enropean aerospace companies said Thursday they would mount a \$100 million-a-year re-search program to develop technologies that could be used in a "Son of Concorde."

Aerospatiale of France, British Aerospace PLC and Deutsche Aerospace AG — the main partners in the Airbus consortium - said they would seek backing from their respective governments for the joint research effort, which they describe as preliminary to determining the feasibility of an airliner that can carry 250 passengers across the Pacific at half the conventional travel time and for little more than the price of a first-class ticket.

The 25-year-old Concorde, designed by an Anglo-French venture, carries 100 passengers with a flying range that limits it to trans-Atlantic flights.

Though industry analysts remained highly skeptical of the technical and commercial feasi-

bility of the concept, the research accord was welcomed by the U.S. aerospace industry, which has been working on the same concept with the financial help of the National Aero-nautics and Space Administration.

Officials said the agreement was aimed at giving Europe a significant role to play — along with the United States and Japan — in the airliner's eventual development, which could cost between \$10 billion and \$20 billion.

"We're trying to sensitize our governments to the fact that Europe should be up to the American effort," said Patrice Prevot, spokesman for Aerospatiale. "It's absolutely essential for the

European industry leaders have been lohbying their governments in recent months to support supersonic research and development, with one executive warning that if the Europeans did not act, they would end up as only

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DISTRESS SIGNAL — Three Vietnamese refugees flying an SOS flag Thursday from a barracks roof at a Hong Kong detention center. They are enveloped by tear gas fired by guards to break up a protest by hundreds of refugees facing deportation. A 27-year-old woman who fell from a roof was hospitalized in fair condition. Kiosk

Pope May Delay Trip to Lebanon

VATICAN CITY (Renters) — The Vati-can gave a strong signal on Thursday that Pope John Paul would delay a planned visit to Lebanon, which has been hit by recent bomb attacks.

Its chief spokesman, Joaquin Navarro-Valls, said the Pope was determined that the visit, which has been tentatively scheduled for late May, should take place, but added that it had to be staged "at the right moment."

The problem is that the people whn go to Masses must have the required security," he added. "These risks always exist and we must always work so that they don't exist."

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Fishing Feuds Spur Asia Naval Buildup Australia have all complained of increased

By Michael Richardson stional Herald Tribune

KUALA LUMPUR — Competition for dwindling stocks of fish is causing increasing tension in the Asia-Pacific region, with national navies ready in use force to protect their countries' fishing zones against poachers.

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Although part of the military buildup relates to uncertainty about the intentions of countries like North Korea, China and Japan, rivalry for control of maritime territory and resources is

also a major cause of friction. "It is a serious problem," said Najib Razak, Malaysia's defense minister.

He said that one of the reasons that Malaysia was planning to spend \$1.6 billion on a program to build 27 naval patrol vessels over the next 15 years was to "supervise and enforce" protection in its "exclusive economic zone" under the terms of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

The 80-meter-long patrol vessels, with a displacement of around 1,200 tons, will be well armed. Each will carry a helicopter and have

sophisticated surveillance equipment. In the Southeast Asian region, Malaysia, in-donesia, Burma. Vietnam, the Philippines and

poaching by foreign fishermen and said they would apply increased naval power to control

In Northeast Asia, Japan was warned by Moscow earlier this month that the Russian military would use force to keep Japanese trawlers away from rich fishing grounds around the disputed Kuril Islands. The warning followed an incident in which

Russian patrol boats and combat helicopters drove five Japanese fishing vessels out of the The 1982 UN convention was supposed to end disputes over fishing and the exploitation

oil and gas, by giving states the right to regulate these activities in an exclusive zone within 200 See FISH, Page 4

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Vatican Honors Holocaust Victims

Ceremony, a First for Pope, Is Sign of Warming Relations

By John Tagliabue New York Times Service

ROME - Pope John Paul II joined the chief rabbi of Rome on Thursday at a solemn concert to honor the memory of the victims of the Holocaust

It was the first time that the Pope has officially honored the memory of the millions of European Jews killed by the Nazis on the day Jews have set aside for this.

"Many at that time mourned, and their lament resounds still," the Pope told 5,000 guests in the audience hall next to St. Peter's Basilica. "We hear them here, too. Their lament did not perish with them, but lifts up strong, strug-gling, heartrending, and it says, 'Do not forget us.'

Just before the Royal Philharmonie Orchestra of London began Max Bruch's "Kol Nidrei," which evokes the prayer spoken on Yom Kippur, the holiest night in the Jewish year, the Pope came down the red-carpeted main aisle accompanied by Rome's chief rabbi, Elio Toaff, and the president of Italy, Oscar Luigi Scalfaro.

Earlier, six survivors of concentration camps, one raising a grand-daughter aloft, its six candles on a large menorah, the ceremonial candelabra, one for each million of the 6 million Jews who perished in Eu-

The candies lit by some of the survivors," the Pope said, speaking in Italian and hriefly in English, "seek to demonstrate symbolically that this hall has no narrow limits. but that it contains all the victims: fathers, mothers, sons, brothers,

"In our memory they are all pre-sent," he said. "They are with you, they are with us."

The menoran has particular resonance for Rome's Jewish communi-ty, since the original candelabra from the Second Temple was transported to Rome by soldiers of the Flavian emperors after they destroyed Jerusalem in 70 A.D., and is depicted in the forum on the arch erected for the Emperor Titus, who also settled thousands of Jewish slaves in his capital.

Rabbi Toaff did not speak at the concert, but in a statement he said the Pope's effort to commemorate the Holocaust "was much appreciated by the Jews."

The Pope was visibly moved, and many in the hall wept openly, as the actor Richard Dreyfuss read Kaddish, the Hebrew prayer for the dead, to the composition by Leon-

The Pope's allowing of a service of largely Jewish inspiration within its opposition to the National Alliance taking part in a future govern-ment, Mr. Fini said: "I think that the Vatican was seen by most Jews present as a measure of his efforts problem has been overcome". to embrace the world's Jews as the Roberto Maroni, League leader in the lower house of Parliament,

'elder brothers" of Christians. organized by the American conductor Gilbert Levine, who is Jewish and a close acquaintance of the Pope, came a little more than three months after the Pope ended a long hesitation and agreed to formal recognition by the Vatican of Isra-

Some Jewish leaders said the Pope had revived the revolution in Catholic-Jewish relations set in motion by Pope John XXIII and the Second Vatican Council of 1962-65, which rejected the longstanding leaching among Roman Catholics that Jews were collective-

ly responsible for Christ's death. Vatican and Holocaust, this is not an oxymoron anymore," said Mr. Levine, who first met the Pope during his tenure as music director of the Philharmonic Orchestra in Krakow, Poland, where the Pope formerly was the archbishop.



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100 Holocaust survivors, with chil-dren and grandchildren in tow, felt they were somehow experiencing the impossible. At an audience earlier in the day, Jack Eisner, a survivor of the 1943

Indeed, some among the roughly

Warsaw Ghetto uprising who lives in New York, told the Pope: "My Grandma Hannah had 11 grand-children. My Grandmother Masha had 20 grandchildren. Only I alone

"As a young boy growing up in prewar Warsaw, I feared crossing the sidewalk next to a church," he said. "Now, some 50 years later, the unthinkable is happening."

Tullia Zevi, the president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, said the concert was as an important step Catholic-Jewish reconciliation.

But she and other Jewish leaders made clear that they were still dis-satisfied that the Vatican had not issued a long-promised papal document "that not only condemns the Holocaust and pays homage to the victims, but also ties it to a sincere analysis and reappraisal of the implications and consequences of centuries of preaching of contempt for the so-called killers of Christ."

ROME - The federalist leader

Umberto Bossi held talks on

Thursday with Italy's neofascists,

outlining his proposals on forming a new government and decentraliz-

Gianfranco Fini, leader of the neo-

fascist National Alliance, said fol-

lowing the unexpected one-hour

The encounter was their first

since last week's general elections delivered a landslide victory for the rightist Freedom Alliance, a three-party grouping of Silvio Bertusconi's Forza Italia, Mr. Bossilland Learner and Learner an

Northern League, and Mr. Fini's National Alliance.

The triumph has since been

Mr. Fini said Thursday's that the

talks centered on League calls for

federalism, the main condition Mr.

Bossi bas put on joining a govern-

said his party would even be pre

pared to drop objections to Mr.

Berlusconi leading the next govern-ment if the administration made

"We have managed to convince a

party that is the main inheritor of a strong central state to sit down at a

table and discuss federalism," Mr.

Maroni said on state television of

tershed in relations between the

neofascists and Mr. Bossi, who

contemptuously branded the Na-

tional Alliance the "gallows party"

The meeting also raised hopes

that Mr. Bossi and Mr. Berlusconi

would bury their differences over

On Tuesday, Mr. Berlusconi sus-

pended talks on trying to form a government after Mr. Bossi deliv-

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The Thursday meeting was a wa-

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"It was a positive meeting,"

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Dresden Starts to Rebuild a Symbol

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service

DRESDEN - Nowhere in Germany are memories of World War II and its consequences more painfully alive than here, in what was the most beautiful city on the Elbe until it was shattered in the firestorm that followed the Allied bombing raids of Feh. 13-

For nearly 50 years, the most poignant symbol of that destruction was a pile of blackened stone on the site of the Protestant Church of Our Lady, whose elegant Baroque dome, shaped like a great stone bell, was immortalized by Canaletto in his 18th-century paintings of the riverfront.

The ruins became a complex symbol of the futility of war and of German penitence, but also, for the Communists who ran East Germany until it began dissolving in 1989, a silent reminder that American and British bombers, not the Russians who later occupied the city and imposed communism on it, had destroyed its cultural heritage. Now, after much soul-searching and de-

bate, the dome is about to rise again. Supporters of the reconstruction hope for help from abroad, but say they also want the rebuilt church to be a monument to reconcili-The will to rebuild the church never disappeared," said Eberhard Burger, the engineer in charge of the project. Aiready, 9,200

stones have been recovered and numbered to be used in completing the reconstruction by 2002, in time for the city's 800th anniversary four years later. "We want to bear most of the financial responsibility ourselves, but we hope for some help from abroad as a contribution to restoring something of what all in the war bore some common responsibility for destroying," Mr. Burger said.

Hostilities Ease Among Italy's Rightists

church would also be a symbol of encouragement to the city's 500,000 people that remification and the end of communism brought not only temporary hardships like unemployment but also more lasting political, economic and spiritual renewal.

"Some people thought that the rubble should be left as it was, as a memorial," said Hans-Helfried Richter, 62, who was visiting the rubs the other day. "But the remaining walks start had been a few to be supposed to the remaining walks start had been as a few to be supposed to the remaining walks start had been as the remaining walks start had been as the remaining walks start had been as the rubble should be rubble start had been as the rubble should be rubble sh walls were beginning to fall apart, and experts said they would collapse soon if nothing

was done to stabilize them." Mr. Richter, who was evacuated from Dresden as a teenager after the firestorm and later became a musician in Hamburg has returned to live in a house on the city's outskirts. His wife is an assistant to the director of the Dresden opera house, designed by the 19th-century architect Gottfried Semper and restored to its prewar splendor under

His grandfather Oskar was a pastor of the church early in the century. "I think it's wonderful that it's going to be rebuilt," Mr.

After the Communist authorities kept deferring church requests to rebuild the landmark, along with parts of the Saxon royal palace and its nearby Baroque Roman Catholic cathedral, the ruins themselves became a place of pilgrimage for the East German peace movement, out of which grew the resistance that finally brought down the Communists peacefully in 1989.

The movement to revive the plans to rebuild the church began in 1990, under the chairmanship of Ludwig Guttler, a trumpet virtues, over objections from those who believed that the rains were their own most effective memorial.

The foundation for the reconstruction has

He and others say that rebuilding the raised about \$7.5 million so far of the estimated \$150 million cost. It is trying to raise the rest through devices like offering individnal stones to donors for "adoption" at \$1,500

Saving an important symbol of the futility of war and ideological confrontation is also the object of a citizens' initiative 80 kilometers down the Elbe in Torgan, where Soviet and American soldiers met on April 25, 1945, as the Allies were closing in on Berlin.

Pictures of the encounter, on a steel highway bridge across the Elbe, went around the world, and even during the Cold War American and Soviet war veterans met periodically at a memorial on the west bank.

In Torgan, unification brought a new bridge, a concrete and steel span next to the old one. The authorities want to tear the old one down, but Uwe Niedersen, a history of science professor, and Philipp Schreck, an engineer, want to preserve it as a monument, if they can raise the \$3.4 million or so that it

Mr. Niedersen, who gets American and Russian soldiers to come back every April for what his citizens' group calls a "down by the riverside" weekend featuring American and Russian jazz bands, said he hoped to have President Bill Clinton and President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia attend the 50th anniversary celebration next year.

"The first really genuine citizens' celebra-tion was right after the fall of communism in

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Now, he said, "People sometimes ask me why we are celebrating a German defeat. I tell them that what we want to preserve is the memory of the defeat of dictatorship, and the lesson that what divides people and leads to wars is less important than the common val-

and changes its constitution so as not to reflect what Greece calls expansionist aims. Greece argues that its neighbor's use of the name Macedonia implies claims on the northern Greek province called Macedonia. Close Mitterrand Aide Kills Himself

Court of Justice.

PARIS (AFP) - A close associate and personal friend of President François Mitterrand of France, François de Grossouvre, committed suicide in his office at the Elyste Palace on Thursday, sources said. Mr. De Grossouvre, 76, an associate of the president for 30 years, resigned as a presidential adviser in 1985 but was still officially employed as an organizer of presidential hunting expeditions. Widely regarded as an influential backstage figure, Mr. De Grossonvre carried out several confidential and delicate missions abroad, notably in the Middle East.

WORLD BRIEFS

Greece Rejects Deadline on Embargo

ATHENS (AP) - Greece said Thursday that it would not give in to the

European Umon's demand that it lift its embargo on the former Yugoslav

republic of Macedonia by April 13 or face a lawsuit in the European

Instead, it called on the European Commission, the EU's executive

body, to rescind its decision to send the issue to the court. "We hope that

the European Commission will consider the facts in a more contained and

mature way, and change its position," a government spokesman said.

The spokesman resterated Greece's stand that it will only lift the Feb. 16

embargo once its neighbor stops using an ancient Greek symbol on its flag

Acted Alone, Mexican Gunman Says

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Investigators are interrogating political activists about a possible conspiracy to kill the country's leading presidential contender, but the man who admits pulling the trigger says he

Mario Aburto Martinez, 23, a factory worker, testified Wednesday that he did not know any of the other four men charged in the March 23 slaying of Luis Donaldo Colosio in Tijnana and said the killing "was not

"I want to clarify that those you are accusing are innocent," Mr. Aburto said. He made the statements as he was charged with criminal association. The four other men, all involved with the party security detail hired to guard Mr. Colosio, pleaded not guilty and denied knowing Mr.

Far-Rightist Not Charged in Germany

BONN (Renters) — German prosecutors on Thursday dropped an attempt to bring charges against Franz Schönhuber, a far-right leader and former Waffen SS officer, for accusing two Jewish leaders of inciting anti-

The public prosecutor's office in the Bavarian town of Landshut, near where Mr. Schönhuber publicly attacked Ignatz Bubis and Michel Friedman, said his accusation did not amount to a general incitement to race hatred. "The statement was against two clearly named personalities and cannot be seen as a comment about the Jews living in Germany," the

prosecutor's office said.

Mr. Schönhuber last month accused Mr. Bubis, who is head of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, of being "the worst inciter of hatred in the country" and "the real cause of anti-Semitism." Speaking after the first synagogne firebombing since the Third Reich, he later included Mr. Friedman, head of the Frankfurt Jewish community, in the same catego-TOKYO - The main objective of a North Korean nuclear arsenal

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Bhutto Links India to Nuclear Halt

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto said Thursday she would reject any U.S. demands to stop development of a nuclear arsenal unless India agreed to similar limits. India exploded a bomh in 1974, and Pakistan is believed to be able to assemble one.

Strobe Talbott, the U.S. deputy secretary of state, who is to arrive in Pakistan on Friday from India, was expected to offer Miss Bhutto a deal: However, Pyongyang's ambassa-dor to India, Cha Song Ju, said in an interview with the South Korean Pakistan could get delivery of 38 F-16 fighter jets, but only if it freezes its nuclear-weapons program and allows international verification news agency Yonhap in New Del-hi, "Our nuclear arms, if devel-

France to Lodge D-Day VIPs in Paris PARIS (Reuters) - France, which sparked an ontery when it canceled D-Day hotel bookings for Canadian and British veterans to make room for foreign officials, said on Thursday the officials would probably be

1945 colonial rule of Korea and lodged in Paris, far from the action. These commemorations are for the veterans and there can no question accuses the Japanese of seeking to of doing anything that could hamper them," Veterans Affairs Minister Philippe Mestre said at a news conference. "Right now, it looks like we North Korea and Japan have no will lodge the VIPs in Paris," he said. The Normandy beaches are about 250 kilometers from the French capital. diplomatic relations, having failed in 1990-1992 bilateral talks to end

The government earlier this week backed down on a plan to push about 200 veterans out of a hotel in Deauville, near the invasion beaches, to There was no official reaction provide space for the foreign officials.

from the Japanese government on Thursday to Mr. Cha's remarks, AZT Use Fails to Prevent AIDS Onset

LONDON (Renters) - The anti-AIDS drug AZT does not prevent the Many Japanese officials and development of the fatal disease in people who are infected with the virus but have not yet shown any symptoms, British and French researchers

would launch a preemptive missile The so-called Concorde report, published in Friday's edition of the British medical journal Lancet, supports initial findings that the drug is of little or no use in preventing the onset of AIDS in people who have attack on Japan if the current crisis over the North's suspected nuclear become infected with the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, which these missiles are the U.S. bases in

AZT, known generically as zidovudine, has been shown effective in prolonging the life of patients with full-blown AIDS. "The hope was that use of zidovudine earlier in infection might delay disease progression and therefore further improve survival," the Lancet report said. "The results of Concorde do not encourage the early use of zidovudine in symptomfree HIV-infected adults."

Fresh Troops Move Into Natal

Umberto Bossi, the Northern League leader, after a meeting with members of his party in Rome.

ESHOWE, South Africa -Hundreds of troops in armored ve-Thursday to bolster a state of emergency in the Zulu heartland less than three weeks before South Afri-

ca's first all-race election. A security force statement said 20 blacks had been killed in 11 separate attacks that took place during the 24-hour period from Wednesday morning to Thursday morning. The report did not attempt to distinguish between polit-

The tycoon kept up a war of words on Thursday with Mr. Bossi, who has duhbed him "Berluswith long-running political fends.
The head of the national election kaiser" and called him unfit to be prime minister because of his vast

interests in the media and other "Bossi is as dangerous and as unpredictable as a wounded wild boar," Mr. Berlusconi was quoted is set for April 26-28. as saying in La Stampa newspaper.

KwaZulu-Natal is that the show (Reuters, AP)

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will go on." Johann Kriegler, chief of the Independent Electoral Comin Johannesburg.

des rolled into Natal province on

ical and criminal attacks, but much of the fighting occurred in areas

commission said the violence would not force a postponement of the balloting in Natal and the Kwa-Zulu black homeland. The election

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mission, said at a news conference As part of the effort to stop the violence, a convoy of mechanized National Congress, which is widely and motorized infantry of more expected to win the election, and

than 600 men moved Thursday into the military base of Eshowe in northern Natal. Colonel Eddie Viljoen, northern Natal operations commander, said,

for peace and stability or else we will see ravages like in Angola and Most of the soldiers were white civilian reservists from Natal.

More than 120 people have been killed in the region since March 31 when President Frederik W. de Klerk declared a state of emergency to stop unrest and safeguard the

The army reinforcements bring to more than 3,000 the total number of troops deployed in Natal province and the KwaZulu homeiand, stronghold of Chief Mango-suthu Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom Party, which is boycotting the elec-

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Colonel Viljoen said hundreds more reservists were being readied. The state of emergency was prompted by a surge in fighting between supporters of the African Inkatha, More than 10,000 people have been killed in a decade-long

conflict between the two parties. A joint report by the South African and KwaZulu governments We must create a stable platform and the Independent Electoral Commission said on Tuesday that free and fair elections would be impossible in the present political climate in Kwazulu.

Electoral commission officials flew to Natal on Thursday to assess the situation, a spokesman said. The violence will dominate a meeting Friday between Mr. de Klerk; the ANC leader, Nelson Yonhap quoted Mr. Cha Mandela; Chief Buthelezi, who is KwaZulu's chief minister, and the Zalu king, Goodwill Zwelithini.

Chief Buthelezi and the king postposed and are demanding vir-Mr. Mandela has said he plans to

king before the full talks get under way. The meeting, at an undis-closed venue, is the first that will North's sites could reach industrial hring all four leaders together.

Kensuke Ebata, said in a recent "Such an attack would serve two purposes: to take out their primary enemy forces in a preemptive strike and serve a warning to Japan." North Korea's Rodong-1 missile is reported to have a range of about

1,000 kilometers, enough to hit western and central Japan, U.S. bases that would fall within range include the U.S. Navy base at Sasebo, on the East Chi coast of Kyushu Island, and the

nearby air base at Iwakuni. Japanese government officials have privately said North Korea would try to take advantage of the historical Korean enmity against

In the interview with Yonhap, Mr. Cha said that North Korea would not target South Korea or the mainland United States with Yonhap quoted Mr. Cha as say-

ing that Japan's intention to develop its own nuclear arsenal was an openly known thing." in a related development, the have called for the elections to be Sankei Shimbun reported Thurs-

day that North Korea had targeted tual autonomy for KwaZulu-Natal some of its surface-to-surface mis-in a post-spartheid South Africa. siles on China. The newspaper said Chinese mil-

and a two-hour meeting with the itary intelligence had told South Korean sources that Scud-C misareas in northeast China.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Paris Paralyzed by Transport Strike

PARIS (AFP) — A 24-hour public transport strike paralyzed Paris and the surrounding region on Thursday, virtually shutting down Metro and bus services. Massive traffic jams built up as people tried to get to and from work by car while thousands walked in rain or waited for taxis. Officials said main highways around the capital were clogged by a total of 230 kilometers of traffic jams in the morning. The strike hardened during the day and by evening nine out of the 13 Metro lines were shut and 236 bus routes were running at 10 percent of capacity. Regional express commuter trains, known as the RER, were also severely curtailed, but trains run by the national rail company operated normally. The United States on Thursday warned its citizens in Algeria to leave if

they lacked "effective protection" and advised travelers to stay away because of politically-motivated violence targeting foreigners. (AFP) The first international bridge over the Melsong River opens on Friday between Thailand and Laos, bringing the vision of an Asian superhighway from Singapore to China closer to reality.

Zurich's commuter rail system will deploy a team of 75 "guardian angels," or unarmed security guards, in October, officials announced. Like those who patrol the New York subway system, they will wear easily identificated the New York subway system, they will wear easily identifiable green jackets and baseball caps.

Edinburgh's monument to Sir Walter Scott will stay dirty, the city council has ruled, ending a four-year dispute over a £2 million plan to clean it up. Objectors had said the chemical cleaning of the 150-year monument would damage the stone.

Plans to build the world's largest cruise liner, a 100,000-ton monster that will ply the Caribbean, were announced by the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co. in London. The vessel will be built by the Italian firm Fincantieri for \$385 million and put into service in 1997.(AP)



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Cash Fails to Improve Segregated Schools

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — Two decades and hundreds of millions of dollars after the U.S. courts ordered states to financially compensate cer-tain segregated schools, a Harvard University study concluded that there is "no indication" that the education of these minority students

has improved.
The study examined four school districts ordered to spend extra money on overwhelmingly black schools and found "no evidence whatsoever that the expensive programming and extra money has redressed the harms of segregation."

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The "Still Separate, Still Unequal" report said there is no concrete evidence that the extra money has improved test scores. In some school districts test scores show that the disparity

between black and white students is widening. Gary Orfield, director of the Harvard Project on School Desegregation, said an extensive ex-amination of schools in Prince George's County, Maryland; Little Rock, Arkansas; Austin, Texas, and Detroit showed that the "solution

proposed by the courts is not working and not

even being attempted."

The findings are significant because federal courts continue to order states to pay huge sums of money to predominantly black schools to compensate for past discrimination. One of the most widely publicized cases is the \$32 million spent on a single school in Kansas City, Missouri. The school, built to be the finest in the country, has not shown measurable educa-

"Just putting money into schools is not likely to produce benefits," Mr. Orfield said. He added that schools have more responsibility than spending money on disadvantaged children. Nobody has bothered to find if this has had an effect," he said.

But Edward M. Felegy, the Prince George's County superintendent of schools, called the report "unfair" and "misleading." He said the court ordered 21 of its schools to

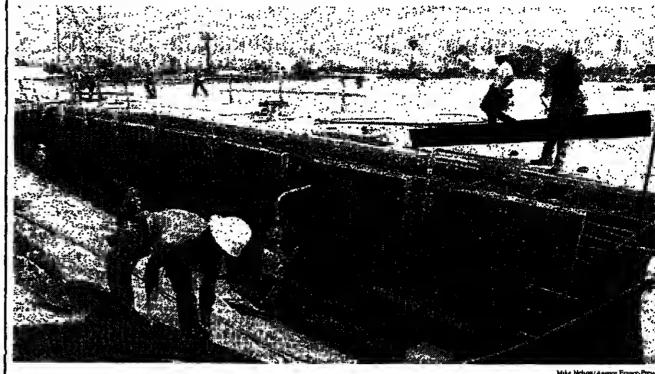
reduce class size and add programs and teachers; it never instructed the school district to monitor the educational progress of the stusaid. This money has been put to excellent

"It's totally unfair for someone from Harvard years later to say there should have been a different goal," he added.

Mr. Felegy said that everyone would like to know what the educational impact of the extra funds has been. In fact, he said, his school district was recently turned down for a federal grant that would have paid for such an assess-

Around the country, many states welcomed a 1977 Supreme Court remedy in the in the Milliken v. Bradley case involving Detroit public schools. It freed states from being forced to order unpopular busing in cases where schools were deemed extremely difficult to integrate because they were located far from white neighborhoods.

There is tremendous incentive to go down this path," said Edward Kirby, a chief author of the study. "It's politically easier than busing." But he said that "there is little to no evaluation" to see if it belps.



ROUND-THE-CLOCK REPAIRS — A crew working on the Santa Monica Freeway in Los Angeles, which was closed after suffering heavy damage in the Jan. 17 earthquake. The highway is scheduled to reopen Tuesday, several months ahead of schedule.

POLITICAL NOTES

Ames Said Ready to Talk to Help Wife

WASHINGTON - With the CIA and FBI determined to learn whether Aldrich Hazen Ames had confederates inside the intelligence agency, the accused spy is showing his first willingness to cooperate with investigators, but only if they recommend leniency for his wife.

Mr. Ames bas virtually no chance of negotiating leniency for himself considering the damage investigators believe the 31-year Central Intelligence Agency veteran caused to U.S. intelligence interests and his possible complicity in the deaths of U.S. intelli-

gence operatives in Russia.

Mr. Ames, 52, and his Colombian-born wife, Maria del Rosario Casas Ames, 41, were arrested on espionage conspiracy charges Feb. 21. The deadline for a grand jury indictment, typically 30 days after an arrest, was extended an additional 30 days to give defense attorneys time to examine documents recovered by the FBI.

Prosecutors are intent on putting Mr. Ames in prison for life, according to sources close to the case. But the prospect of a possible deal for Mrs. Ames is a more complicated proposition. She has been suffering emotional distress since ber incarceration, a factor said to be adding to Mr. Ames's desire to strike a deal for her. (LAT)

U.S. Lobbies for Liberal UN Abortion Plan

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration is lobbying foreign governments for more liberal abortion language in a draft United Nations plan aimed at stabilizing the world's population. The State Department instructed diplomats in a cable last month to contact foreign governments and stress the U.S. wish for "strooger language on the importance of access to abortion services" in the draft document being prepared for a UN-sponsored conference in

The draft of a 20-year population stabilization program already has come under attack by Roman Catholics and anti-abortion forces. But the administration wants the document, which outlines goals and actions that participating countries should take, to support broader abortion availability.

In New York, delegates from more than 170 countries are drafting a 20-year plan for adoption by countries at the Internatiooal Conference on Population and Development in September in

Ex-Clinton Partner Gets Whitewater Data

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton has sent copies of Whitewater records to his former business partner, James McDougal, who had complained publicly earlier this year that he was

unable to prepare his tax returns without the documents. David E. Kendall, Mr. Clinton's lawyer, said in a letter to Mr. McDougal's attorney that he sent the records — about 2,000 pages of land sale contracts, escrow receipts and Whitewater bank account statements - to Mr. McDougal on Monday. Mr. Kendall's letter was released by the White House on Wednesday. Neither Mr. McDougal nor his attorney could be reached for comment.

The records, which the White House has declined to release to the public, include the collection of Whitewater-related papers that were in the possession of Vincent W. Foster, the White House deputy counsel who committed suicide last summer.

According to Mr. McDougal, whose account is not disputed by the White House, Mr. Foster obtained the Whitewater-related papers from Mr. McDougal before Mr. Clinton took office. At the Clintons' behest, Mr. Foster had offered to prepare several years of corporate tax returns for the Whitewater Development Corp. - the firm formed by the Clintons and Mr. McDougal to build a resort community in the Ozarks, Mr. McDougal apparently neglected to prepare and file the returns.

Quote/Unquote

James Carville, the Lousianan who was campaign adviser for Bill Clinton, an Arkansan, on allegations that the moral standards in Louisiana and Arkansas are lower than in the rest of the nation: "I resent the hell out of it."

Lelyveld Is Named Top Editor at Times

By Paul F. Horvitz

WASHINGTON - The New York Times announced a major shift in its newsroom leadership on Thursday, elevating Managing Editor Joseph Lelyveld, a former longtime foreign correspondent, to the post of executive editor

Mr. Lelyveld, 57, will succeed Max Frankel, 64, who held the top editorial position at the paper for the past eight years.

In a surprise step, Mr. Lelyveld announced that Eugene L. Roberts Jr., a former Times editor and former executive editor of the Philadelphia Inquirer, will become managing editor at The Times, the second-ranking position in the newstoom.

In 18 years as executive editor of the Inquirer, Mr. Roberts's newsroom staff won 17 Pulitzer Prizes and he was credited with completely overhauling the paper's news op-

He left the Inquirer in 1990 and has been teaching journalism at the University of Maryland.

The New York Times is a 50 percent owner of the International Herald Tribune.

Mr. Lelyveld was named managing editor of The Times in 1990. He was foreign editor from 1987 to 1989 and had reported for The Times from posts in London, New

Delhi, Hong Kong and South Afri- editor at the paper. He won the Pulitzer Prize in 1986

for his book on apartheid, "Move Your Shadow." Mr. Lelyveld, who joined The Times in 1962, also reported from the paper's Washington burean and had served as a staff writer and columnist for The New York Times

Magazine. Mr. Frankel announced plans to step down. The Times said in a prepared statement, and will become a columnist for The New York Times Magazine, writing about communications and the me-

Mr. Roberts, 61, will take a three-year leave from the University of Maryland to work at The Times and plans to return to teaching after he reaches The Times's retirement age of 65.

veld's elevation was made by Ar-thur Ochs Sulzberger Jr., publisher

The announcement of Mr. Lelv-

quicker," Mr. Lelyveld said in an interview.

He praised Mr. Frankel, saying that The Times had "increased its journalistic ambitions almost geometrically" during the Frankel

If Mr. Lelyveld represents The Times's widely acknowledged leadership in foreign news, Mr. Roberts represents experience in national affairs and newsroom manage-

A North Carolina native who once covered local farm issues, he worked as chief Southern and civil rights correspondent for The Times in the mid-1960s, was a Times correspondent in Vietnam and served as The Times's national editor from 1969 to 1972.

hired at the Inquirer under Mr. Roberts are now employed by The

Under Mr. Frankel, The Times hired a number of younger report-ers and editors and sought to bring more diversity to its oewsroom and to the top editing positions in the newsroom.

A Pulitzer Prize recipient, Mr. Frankel reported for The Times from Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union and from its Washington

Before being named executive editor, he served as editorial page

Away From Politics

· Lawyers representing breast implant patients say they have uncovered a 1975 study by researchers at Dow Corning Corp. showing that the silicone in the implants harms the immune system of mice. The lawyers examined 2 million pages of scientific documents provided by the company as part of a classaction suit against it. The 1975 study found that a particular type of silicone gel in purified form is highly toxic to the immune sys-tem. Mice that received various doses of the silicone suffered from impaired immune re-SDOOSE.

· Suspected drunk drivers who fail a breath test in Virginia will lose their licenses on the spot, under one of the toughest driving-whileintoxicated laws in the country, signed by Governor George Allen after its approval by the state legislature in March.

 An earthquake shook much of Southern California, causing a few cracks in buildings near the epicenter and sending some rocks onto a highway. No injuries were reported. The Wednesday quake measure 4.8 on the Richter scale. Two persons who lived for two years inside

Biosphere 2, an experiment to create a prototype Martian colony, were arrested on charges of breaking into the domed complex and vandalizing it. Abigail Alling, 34, and Mark Van Thillo, 33, were taken into custody at a hotel in Tucson, Arizona, by state police

• A leak in a fuel line discovered at the launch pad is so slight it will not interfere with the launching of the space shuttle Endeavour from Cape Canaveral Florida on Friday, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said. The leak was discovered as bydrogen was being loaded into storage tanks aboard Eudeavour. NASA stopped loading the highly flammable bydrogen while engineers assessed the situation. They determined the leak was small enough to manage safely, and the operation resumed several bours lat-

acting on an anonymous tip. They had been suspended from their jobs with the project.

NYT, WP. LAT. Reuters, AP

Some of the best young reporters Disk Jockey's Ploy Devastates a Library ined at the Inquirer under Mr.

FORT WORTH, Texas --- People stormed the Fort Worth Public Library, tearing pages from books and throwing volumes on the floor, after a radio station disk jockey, hoping to encourage reading, announced that he had hidden money in the stacks.

People were "climbing the shelves, stepping on each other and elbowing people in the face" to get at books, said Marsha Anderson, spokeswoman for the bbrary.

When it was over, the library was a shambles, with several thousand dollars' worth of-

damage. No one was burt. The radio station said it would pay for the damage.
Listeners of A. W. Pantoja, a KYNG-FM

disk jockey, told library workers that the country music station had hidden up to \$10,000 in the books. But the station's program director, Dan Pearman, said Mr. Pantoja had offered only \$100.

He thought putting a few dollars here and there might motivate people to go to the library," Mr. Pearman said. "It was never my intent to destroy a library. The last thing in the world I would want is to destroy a li-

About 4,000 fiction, reference, philosophy,

religion and social science books were strewn across the 100,000-square-foot (9,300-squaremeter) building. Mr. Pantoja had not asked the library for

Dermission first "It was kind of a last-minute inspiration."

Mr. Pearman said. Several hundred people were in the first wave to hit the library. Librarians said they

thought it was some kind of joke. "I made an announcement over the public

address system that the contest was over," Miss Anderson said. "That worked real well. Three hundred people kind of vaporized."

Policy Stalemate Erases U.S. Optimism Over Haiti

By Steven Greenhouse

New York Times Service WASHINGTON - After mouths of struggling over how to restore democracy to Haiti, the Clinton administration faces a

With its policies blocked by both sides and no new solutions in sight on how to reinstate Haiti's exiled president, the Reverend Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a growing number of offi-cials have concluded that he will probably troops to depose the junta. never be restored to power.

Despite President Bill Clinton's commitment to help reinstate Father Aristide, Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher has told other administration officials that of all the foreign policy crises he faces, including Bosnia-Herzegovina and North Korea, Haiti is the area where he has the hardest time seeing an eventual resolution.

The reason, administration officials say, is The Times.

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Even then, many officials would put his chances of returning at less than 50 percent.

1991 show no sign of wavering in their oppo-sition to his return. He has refused to make the early days of the Clinton administration the moves the Clinton administration says are needed to form a broad-based government to press the military to step down. And the administration is adamant in rejecting

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These gloomy conclusions are not universally shared in the administration, but even officials who are optimistic about restoring Father Aristide say for that to happen, several things have to fall into place, including winning a United Nations resolution to tighten the trade embargo against Haiti and persuading Father Aristide to do more to build a broad coalition.

when officials, confident that it would not be hard to dislodge Haiti's military, thought Haiti would be an easy foreign policy vic-

But officials now voice exasperation that the military leaders are dug in and that the embargo has failed to loosen the military's

Administration officials refuse to say publicly that the chances of restoring Father Aristide are slim, partly because that would embolden the military to dig in further and partly because it would be an admission that

U.S. Haiti policy is failing.

Trying to put the best face on their struggling policy, administration officials pledge to continue working with Father Aristide to help oust the military.

But this is made difficult by the distrust between him and administration officials and by their often conflicting strategies.

when Aristide supporters talk privately, they often say that, at a minimum, the threat of force or, preferably, military intervention is needed to return Father Aristide to power. But administration officials oppose the idea.

Senator Christopher J. Dodd, Democrat

of Connecticut, who is chairman of a Senate Foreign Relations Committee subcommittee Western Hemisphere affairs, said: "I don't think there is any appetite for military action in Congress or the American public. There's no question that we have the military capacity to succeed. The more difficult question is what happens the day after you oust Haiti's military. What do you do? How long Some officials say U.S. troops might have

to stay several years after reinstating Father Aristide to prevent another coup and to maintain order in the streets.

"You end up as an occupying force," an administration official said.

DEALS: U.S. and European Filmmakers Move to Join Forces

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makers. In particular, it declined to endorse or to reject recommendations by a panel of six leading industry experts, including Mr. Puttnam, for tighter import barriers over 10 years and 2 billion Europe an currency units (\$2.25 billion) of new aid a year for the European

Those ideas "would really stir up a hornet's nest" if they were adopted as policy, said a U.S. official. The commission paper "steered clear of preconceived ideas," said João de Deus Pinheiro, the Portuguese who is the EC commissioner

that is worth looking into." Still, the paper was not without controversy. It strongly suggests that the European Union should toughen enforcement of a broad-

suppliers to the Americans.

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Randy Harrison, a spokesman for Boeing

Co., said the Seattle company had been aware

of the agreement, and saw it as a way the

European aerospace giants "can present a unit-

ed from to their governments" in order to obtain research subsidies.

A U.S. aerospace source said that a key

element in the Europeans' agenda was to even-

tually obtain access to the research currently being conducted under the NASA-sponsored

High Speed Research Program, which includes

Boeing, McDonnell Douglas Corp., General

Electric Co. and Pratt & Whitney, a division of

United Technologies Corp. U.S. law currently

prohibits NASA-spensored research from be-

The Europeans know we can't share R&D

with them now, and there would be no way the law would change if they didn't put up an equal

ing shared with foreign companies.

in charge of film and TV policy.

We don't wish to exclude any idea

cast directive, currently flouted by Britain, that requires at least 51. percent of television programming to be European. That's tantamount to censor-

ship, the U.S. official contended. "If you watch too many American movies, do red lights start flashing and your television turn off?" he The commission itself remains deeply divided on the issue.

Frank Tonini, deputy managing director of the Motion Picture Association of America's Brussels office, called the commission paper's proposal to coordinate national subsidy systems and its suggestions on broadcast quotas "somewhat troublesome."

But he welcomed the paper's overall tone, which treats movies as an industry rather than a cultural icon that needs protecting at all

U.S. taxpayers."

FLY: Together, the Europeans Look Toward a 'Son of Concorde'

Since 1990, an international study group has

been looking at the technical, economic and environmental issues at play in the feasibility of

a long-range supersonic transport. The group's original members were Boeing, McDonnell

Douglas, Aerospatiale, British Aerospace and

Deutsche Aerospace, with aerospace groups from Italy, Japan and Russia joining subse-

This group will continue its work, Mr. Harri-

The technical challenges center on develop-

ment of a variable-cycle engine that can act as a

conventional jet engine on takeoff, and then act

more like a fighter jet engine at higher altitudes.

The engine also has to meet current standards

for ground level noise for conventional subson-

ic aircraft and emits much lower levels of toxins

The other environmental issue is the need to service to Concorde's one.

failure of filmmakers to produce popular films. The paper aims to lay the

groundwork for several months of debate among industry leaders and government officials, leading to actual policy recommendations from the commission around October. The stakes are huge, Mr. Pinheiro said Europe's audiovisual industry market was worth 260 bil-

least 1.8 million people, figures that

could double by the year 2000. But deep inroads by Hollywood over the past decade have left Europe

with a deficit of 3.6 billion Ecus a year on programming. It is the very weakness of the

effort," the source said. "It wouldn't be fair to eliminate the sonic boom over heavily populat-

costs, and blames much of the En-ropean industry's decline on the work with American studios to generate the funds needed to revive their industry, while Americans see a threat in the overall decline of the European cinema audience and the political fallout from the GATT

In a bid to foster cooperation, representatives of the Hollywood studios held an initial meeting with members of the Paris-based European Producers Club in early Febhon Ecus a year and employed at ruary in Brussels, and are due to meet here again at the end of this month. Although both sides agreed to

keep the talks secret to avoid inflaming passions, industry sources involved said discussions covered a wide range of possible cooperation. European industry that has including a proposal to work for spawned the new cooperation with wider acceptance of dubbed movies thollywood. European filmmakers in the American market.

ed areas. One answer may be to design the craft

to operate at subsonic speeds over land and then speed up to 2.4 times the speed of sound over the ocean.

reported from London:

Richard W. Stevenson of The New York Times

The European companies said they believed

that airlines would purchase between 500 and

1,000 of the new planes. Because of cost and

environmental concerns, British Aerospace and

Aerospatiale sold only 14 Concordes, seven

The European partners said they have now

decided on the general features of the plane,

including a range of 6,200 miles (about 10,000 kilometers), 2,500 miles more than the Con-

corde and sufficient to reach Asia from the

United States or Europe. The plane would have

a passenger capacity of 250, 150 more than the

Concorde, and would offer three classes of

each to British Airways and Air France.

PERRY: Defense Chief Is New Foreign Policy Voice

Continued from Page 1 stances changed. On Wednesday,

State Department spokesman, Mi-chael McCurry, played down the appearance of a rift, saying that Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher had reviewed the full transcript of Mr. Perry's remarks and agreed with their overall

Mr. Perry's rising prominence within the administration may have less to do with making policy than explaining it. In frequent speeches, interviews and several television appearances, be has established a reputation for lucid and unambiguous statements, such as his declaration last week that the United States would not permit North Korea to develop "significant" numbers of nuclear weapons. In that respect, he benefits by comparison with Mr. Christopher,

Bonn Sets 3-Year Ban

BONN — Germany will ban ex-ports of anti-personnel mines for three years and will push for inter-

tional ban on mines that do not self-defuse over time, and on allplastic mines, which are hard to

Reuters LONDON - A letter bomb ex-

On Land-Mine Exports

national controls on mine export and use, Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel told the Weserkurier newspaper in Bremen on Thursday. Mr. Kinkel called for an interna-

Blast at U.K. Rightists' Office

ploded at the headquarters of the far-right British National Party on Thursday, slightly injuring one

who has been criticized for lack of siast who likely would maintain a leadership and clarity, and the na-tional security adviser, W. Anthony The first The first sign that those early

son, deputy director of national se-withdrawal of Bosnian Serb heavy curity studies at Georgetown Uni-

may have caused consternation in warn against hasty intervention. some parts of the administration. but it also could prove a political asset to a president who has been accused of ducking hard choices in foreign policy. In effect, Mr. Perry the 16 NATO defense ministers to as defense secretary can take the invite them to a Feb. 19 meeting at statesmanlike role.

ry "a very gifted communicator" and added, "I don't regard him as being tougher or different than I

On the other hand, he said: There is an obvious differentiation of functions. My job is the

make this much of a splash. A mathematician by training he di- States should combine vigilance rected Pentagon research during with continued aid to Russia, not the Carter administration and returned to the Defense Department interest. in 1992 as Mr. Aspin's deputy. In between, he made a fortune as an entrepreneur in California's Silicon Valley and taught engineering and arms control at Stanford Universi-

As the new defense secretary, he, generally was greeted by pundits: and military analysts as a bright but uninspiring technology enthu-

Lake, who has largely avoided the forecasts may have been wrong limelight. The perception is that he was a shell explosion in the Sarajevo marsafe choice who would confine ketplace killed 68 people and trig-himself to reorganizing the Penta-gered a worldwide plea for NATO

weaponry around Sarajevo --- was ersity.

a State Department initiative, and Mr. Perry's relative bluntness Mr. Perry's first instinct was to Subsequently, however, he played a key role in orchestrating allied support for the plan, person-

tough positions while President Bill Aviano Air Base, Italy, on the eve Clinton casts himself in a more of the deadline for removal of the weapons. The result was an effec-Mr. Christopher, in a telephone tive bit of diplomatic theater — interview this week, called Mr. Per- with Mr. Perry reviewing allied pilots on the flight line as the clock ticked toward midnight — that culminated in Serbian acquiescence to the NATO demand.

More recently, Mr. Perry de-fended the administration against charges by conservatives that it had overall foreign policy and his is the military elements."

not been sufficiently vigilant in its policy toward Russia. In a speech military elements."

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mr. Perry was not supposed to

and subsequent trip to the region, Mr. Perry said that the United

Aristide Ends Refugee Pact

WASHINGTON - The Reverend Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the deposed president of Haiti, has informed President Bill Clinton that he is abrogating the 1981 treaty under which the United States claims the right to intercept Haitian refugees at see and forcibly return them to the island.

White House officials confirmed

they had received a letter from Father Aristide to Mr. Clinton but declined to comment immediately. The Washington Post obtained a draft version of the letter, in which Father Arisade said be was renouncing the agreement because the United States had violated its obligation to provide refuge for people fleeing persecution and was endangering repatriated refugees.

ly that they would not abandon the policy, instituted by President George Bush in May 1992, of halting and sending home Haitians who try to sail to Florida. In the draft letter, Father Aris-

ride charged that repatriating the

U.S. officials have said previous-

refugees puts them in danger from Haiti's military government But Michael D. Barnes, a former Democratic representative from Maryland who is Father Arisnde's principal U.S. adviser, said that his action was not a call for Haitians to try to escape to the United States.

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S.I.N.G.A.P.O.R.E

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches WASHINGTON — The United States and its NATO allies are urging the United Nations to quickly dispatch hundreds of Ukrainian and other peacekeepers to Serbencircled Gorazde in eastern Bosnia. Clinton administration officials said Thursday.

British and French peacekeepers may be redeployed to join the Ukrainians in trying to protect the

65,000 civilians in the town. "The plan is being put on a fast track," a senior U.S. official said.

The United States stands ready to transport the Ukrainians, most of whom would come from Kiev, to a staging area, said the officials, who added that it was not clear whether the Serbs would try to block the peacekeeping mission. Approval by the United Nations was considered a virtual certainty.

The size of the peacekeeping mission has not yet been determined. Ukraine offered about 800 soldiers. There may be more, including British and French forces already in the Balkans, the U.S. officials said.

Serbian nationalists shelled Gorazde for the 10th day in a row Thursday as the United Nations commander, Lieutenant General Michael Rose, shuttled between Bosnian government and Serbian commanders in a new bid to broker a lasting, nationwide cease-fire.

On Thursday night the two sides separately announced an immediate 24-hour countrywide cease-fire designed to allow the United Natinns to get negotiations under way on Friday for a more durable cessa-

Earlier this week, Secretary of Defense William J. Perry and Gen-eral John Shalikashvili, the chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, ruled out U.S. military force to try to lift the siege of Gorazde.

But other administration officials asserted again Thursday that the United States stood behind a NATO commitment to protect peacekeepers with air power if they came under attack in Gorazde. The town was designated a "safe area" by the UN Security Council last

President Bill Clinton's national security adviser stressed Thursday that the peacekeepers would be protected by NATO air power.

"We stand by that commitment," said W. Anthony Lake in a

UN forces should be on their way to Gorazde as soon as possible.

"We must make clear to the Serbs and to the Serbs of Bosnia that the costs of continued intransigence are high," he said.
"Neither the president nor any

of his senior advisers rules out the use of NATO power to help stop attacks such as those against Gorazde," Mr. Lake said.

The statement was drawn carefully to make it clear that Mr. Perry and General Shalikashvili support-The U.S. mediator on Bosnia,

Charles E. Redman, is trying to revive peace talks to end the twoyear-old war in Bosnia. Mr. Redman is to visit Sarajevo this weekend after stopping first in Zagreb, the Croatian capital.

General Rose was considering whether to dispatch peacekeepers to Gorazde. Three UN military observers and eight of his liaison officers were permitted to proceed to



the town amid mixed reports about The Bosnian Serbian commander, General Ratko Mladic, speaking to reporters in a Sarajevo suburb as the UN commander continued efforts Thursday to arrange a lasting cease-fire throughout Bosnia.

RWANDA: Bloodletting Sweeps Capital After Killing of 2 Presidents

Front, who have been camped around the parliament building since last year.

Belgian sources said the reluctance of Mr. Habyarimana, 57, to comply with the terms of that accord to bring Tutsis into a transitional government may have led to the attack on his plane. The two presidents were killed after returning from a conference of East African leaders in Tanzania.

Also among the victims of Thursday's viclence were 17 Rwandan priests, who were executed by soldiers, according to Belgian news

agency reports.

French and Beigian officials said that their

military forces at bases in other Central African countries had been placed on alert and were ready to move into Rwanda to protect the lives of expatriate workers as well as to bolster the UN peacekeeping contingent there.
International relief groups said they were

also standing by to respond to a likely emergency situation in Central Africa if the violence continued in Kigali and spread to other areas.

A spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Nairobi said that after the ethnic conflagration in Burundi last October, 700,000 Burundian refugees fled across the

country's borders in three days. In contrast to the orgy of violence in Kigali,

the Burundi capital, Bujumburu, was reported calm Thursday after receiving the news of Mr. Ntarvamira's death.

A former agriculture minister, Mr. Ntarymira, 38, became president only a month ago as the consensus choice of the country's feuding political factions following the assassination last October of the country's first democratically elected president, Melchior Ndadaye.

The assassinations occurred as the two leaders were returning from the Tanzania conference having pledged to work toward ending the tribal violence that has made Rwanda and Burundi the two prime examples of ethnic troubles in postindependence Africa.

ISRAEL: Palestinian Gunman Kills Israeli as Revenge Attacks Mount

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and slightly wounded by Arabs at entrances to the Gaza Strip.

The violence came on a somber hobday in which Israel memorializes victims of the Nazi Holocaust with nationwide siren blasts during which Jews stop everything for two minutes of silence. The sirens went off as the wnunded were being evacuated from the scene of the Ashdod attack.

At the Gaza refugee camp where he lived. Mr. Amawi was praised speech at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. He also said the Islamic Jihad erected a mourning more violent attacks.

tent, his brother Awad, 38, a teacher, said, "I'm really proud of what day into a black day, so we vowed my brother did."

He said Ali Amawi had been shot and injured eight times in stone-throwing clashes with Israeli troops during the Palestinian re-volt. He said his brother was a fullower of the militant Islamic Jihad. It took responsibility for the attack by Mr. Amawi.

Earlier Thursday, the military wing of Hamas, the Islamic resistance movement that said it had carried out the Afula attack, issued

"You turned the fd al-Fitr Holito turn your Independence Day intn hell," the leaflet said, referring to the Islamic feast that ends the holy month of Ramadan, and oext Thursday's celebration of Israel's creation in 1948. The leaflet asked

merchants and citizens to stock up

sphere of real war will take over the

nn food supplies "because an atmo-

Zionist soldiers and the enemy leadership in the near future." The leaflet demanded that settlers leave the West Bank and Gaza Strip, saying the Hamas military wing "will barrage their homes with

rockets that God sent us recently." The reference to rockets was pur-

ported Thursday that Israeli offi-cials helieve Hamas members gained skills in building car bombs after they were deported to southern Lebanon last year.

Thousands of Israelis attended funeral services in Afula for the car-bomb victims. Micha Goldman, deputy education minister and a member of parliament who represented the government, was jeered and forced to leave the funerals under police escort.

Russia's Entangled Leadership Signals Get Crossod A. Signals Get Crossed, Again, on Bases

By Steven Erlanger New York Times Service

MOSCOW - In another example of the increasing confusion be-tween president and government these days in Russia that bewilders both officials and diplomats, President Boris N. Yeltsin on Thursday amended an order about military bases he issued a day earlier that his foreign minister, Andrei V. Kozyrev, said he had never heard

The incident follows a similar episode of diplomatic consternation over apparently crossed sig-nals between Mr. Yeltsin and his foreign and defense ministries over when Russia might sign the framework agreement for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Part-

oership for Peace program.

The order Wednesday, which instructs the Foreign Ministry to negotiate permanent military basing agreements with former countries of the Soviet Union, appeared to be drawn up on the advice of the De-fense Ministry.

The list of bases, which are re-ported to number about 30, include the Skrunda early-warning radar in Latvia, whose officials reacted angrily, warning of "Russian imperi-alism." And, according to the text of the order, published Thursday on the front page of the official gazette, Rossiskiye Vesti, it was also approved by the Foreign Min-

But Mr. Kozyrev said Thursday: "We don't know where this order comes from or with whom it was agreed. Both diplomats and the military are standing with their

mouths hanging open."
At first, Mr. Kozyrev called the plan for the 30 bases a "newspaper phantom," saying it was "intended to sow disharmony between the president and the government, the Foreign Ministry and the Defense

Mr. Kozyrev continued. according to Interfax news agency: "No one consulted the Foreign Ministry on anything of the kind. When such incidents occur, like this one with the presidential order, we are put in a very modessent situation."

As for Mr. Yeltsin, his spokes man, Vyacheslav Kostikov, said Thursday that listing Skrunda had been a "technical mistake," since Russia and Latvia have already agreed to a four-year leasing arrangement for the early-warning

There is oo question of creating any kind of bases on the territory of Latvia," Mr. Kostikov said. The other bases to be occotiated are on the territory of the Commonwealth of Independent States, where Russian troops continue to be stationed, remaining there after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Russian regular troops and bor-der troops are in Tajikistan, for inem the Baltic nations and ned example, under an already negotiated treaty between Moscow and the Dushanbe authorities, while Russian troops of the 14th Army in Moldova, for example, are there with the permission of no one except an unrecognized breakaway

statelet on the east bank of the

Dniestr River. Still, the Russian military would like to keep Skrunda, and Baltic leaders, who do not belong to the Commonwealth, are already worried that new nationalist ooises from Russia will endanger the final pullout of all Russian troops from Estonia and Latvia.

Already gone from Lithuania, Russian troops remain in Latvia and Estonia, and negotiations are continuing on removing them by Aug. 31 under a preliminary agreement reached last August. But Russia said last month that it cannot pull out by then, a statement repeated in the Estimians no Wednesday.

The Estomans, who are living with less than 3,000 Russian troops, reacted strongly to what they perceived as Russian pressure, which includes a demand for \$23 million from the Estonians to help build bousing for the Russian troops in Russia Russia also wants Estonia and Latvia to allow former Soviet soldiers who served in the Baltics and retired there to remain. While the Russians have com-

the peace in the "near abroad" have been met with steady refusals. There is increasing worry, how-ever, over Mr. Yeltsin's weakening position and reports of bad health. While he is accustomed to intervening suddenly in governmental mat-ters with a quickly signed decree, which sometimes must be amended

troop withdrawals to changes in

citizenship laws and language re-

quirements, in fact the Russian

withdrawals have proceeded regu-

But there is a growing concern in

the West that Russia harbors impe-

rial ambitions, at least within the

former territory of the Soviet

Union, koown as the "near

These concerns have been fed by

an increasingly nationalistic tone coming from Mr. Yeltsin and Mr.

Kozyrev since the strong showing

by the ultranationalist party led by

ber elections, and by the impression that the Russian military, with

little civilian oversight, is making

its own foreign policy in places like Georgia, Moldova and Azerbaijan.

changed little in the last few

months, and Russian requests that

the United Nations help it monitor

Bot Russiao behavior bas

ladimir V. Zhirinovsky in Decem-

the next day, such incidents are occurring more often, and Mr. Yeltsin has been taking frequent plained bitterly about the treat- rests.

FISH: Disputes Fuel Naval Buildup

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nautical miles of their shores. However, Joseph R. Morgan, a fellow in the program on international ecooomics and politics at the East-West Center in Hawaii, said that in cases where there were overlapping claims or disagreements involving marine areas with valuable resources, the threat or use of naval force could be used to "influence

Overfishing in Asia-Pacific waters and the predatory operations of countries with large trawling fleets, such as Thailand, Taiwan, China, South Korea and Japan, have raised political tempers.

Officials in Malaysia, Burma, Indonesia and Vietnam have accused many Thai trawlers and their crews of operating without regard to in-ternational law and of using force to evade arrest.

Nnting that a number of Thai trawlers were armed and larger than Malaysia's existing naval pasome also had "reinforced bows to northwest coast of Sumatra.

enable them to ram our patrol

He said that ramming had occurred on several occasions and in one incident last year two Malaysian sailors who had boarded a Thai trawler as part of an arrest operation for poaching had been thrown overboard. One of the sailors drowned.

"It's a well-known fact that most of the prisons in the region are full of Thai fishermen" arrested for fishing illegally in other countries' waters, Mr. Najib said. He said that hundreds of Thai

poachers were in Malaysian jails. The Vietnamese foreign minister, Nguyen Manh Camh, said after a recent visit by Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai of Thailand to Hanoi, that the onus was on Thailand to control its fishing fleet.

In January, the Indonesian Nav was called in after hundreds of local fishermen in more than 40 boats drove seven Thai trawlers into international waters after they were trol vessels, Mr. Najib said that caught fishing close to Aceh, on the

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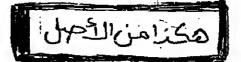
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In Burma's Far North, Reprieve From Decades of War

By Philip Shenon

New York Times Service

MYITKYINA, Burma — One of the world's oldest wars may be over. And rice farmers in villages surrounding this north-ern city say that means that for the first time in their lives they are able to sleep at night without the fear that their sons will

be gone by morning.

Sometimes there was a knock on the door, and the men with guns would take our men and boys away to fight," said Daw fire between Burma's military government khung Htoi, 30, a farmer in Kawnan, a tiny palm-shaded village 15 kilometers (9 miles) north of Militaria kilometers (9 mil miles) north of Myitkyina, the region's main market town.

Kachin, a mountain people who are one of the largest ethnie groups in Burma. As she tended to the chickens that roam her garden, she did not say which group took away the men of the village, the Burmese Army or the Kachin rebels.

She would say only she was glad that the war was apparently over, ended by a ceaseinsurgent groups still operating along the borders of Burma.

The Kachin populate mountainous regions in the far north, in the fonthills of the Himalayas. Many of the 1.5 million Kachin are Christians, a legacy of generations of Western missionaries who once flocked to this predominantly Buddhist land.

The decades-old insurgencies help explain why Burma, despite great natural resources, is one of the poorest and most hackward countries in Asia, with the army the only institution with real power. Battlefields have at times consumed as much as a

The war with the Kachin appears to be

peace with the junta.

"This civil war has been going on for so many years and both sides know that they are not able to achieve victory," said the Reverend Saboi Juni, general secretary of the Kachin Baptisi Convention and a mediate the same secretary of the convention and a mediate secretary of the same secretary of the sachin Baptisi Convention and a mediate secretary of the sachin Baptisi Convention and a mediate secretary of the sachin Baptisi Convention and a mediate secretary of the saching secretary secretary of the saching secretary sec diator between the government and the Kachin rebels.

He insisted that the peace talks were not defeat for the rebel army, which lost offered "national reconciliation among nathousands of its soldiers in battle.

By Kevin Murphy

International Herald Tribune

Hong Kong's legal protections un-der Chinese rule have been height-

ened by the harsh prison sentence

imposed on a reporter for a Hong

Kong newspaper who was accused

of spying in Beijing.
Many people here see the impris-

onment of the reporter, Xi Yang, as a threat to Hong Kong's way of life

once the territory reverts to Chi-

This has touched a raw nerve in

There is increased awareness of

Hong Kong," said a political com-mentator, T. L. Tsim, of Mr. Xi's

secret trial and 12-year sentence.

the issue of press freedom in Hong

Kong," said Mr. Tsim, "But it goes

beyond that. There is deep concern

about China's judicial system and

The Australian foreign minister,

Gareth Evans, said of the sentence:

"On the surface it does appear an

extraordinarily severe term and, on

the face of it, it does seem to have

an element of sending a message to

"It is both unnecessary and un-

Mr. Evans stopped in Hong

Kong after a visit to China, where

the discussion of human rights is-

sues figured heavily in his meetings

To protest the secret trial and

March 28 sentencing, three senior

editors and several colleagues of

Mr. Xi, a Chinese citizen working

for the Hong Kong newspaper Ming Pao Daily, began a hunger

Although the paper had taken a

low-profile approach to Mr. Xi's arrest and six months' detention

for obtaining information about

China's central bank policies and

oese sovereignty in 1997.

Hong Kong's future."

fortunate," he added.

with Chinese leaders.

strike Thursday night.

Hong Kong."

HONG KONG - Fears for

The civil war goes on for 33 years and nobody wins," he said. "Only the people suffer. The people are weary of the war."

stream that borders their thatch-roof homes.

Daw Khung Htoi is a member of the Kachin, a mountain people who are one of the largest ethnic groups in Burma. As she tary.

ethnic minorities — Christians, Buddhisss and animists — as different from one another as they are from the ethnic Burmese who dominate the government and military.

A few kilometers away, in front of an altar draped in pink silk, the parishioners of the Geis Baptist Church joined in Kachin, a mountain people who are one of the largest ethnic groups in Burma. As she tary.

"By the grace of God we will have peace the Kachin State." said the Reverend

K. R. Zau Nan.
"In my lifetime, this is the best situation we Kachin have ever had." A cesse-fire has been in place since Oc-tober, when the powerful head of Burmese military intelligence, Lieutenant General Khin Nyunt, visited the Kachin state and

tional brethren. A final peace agreement is expected to give the Kachin some autonomy over trade and education in their region.

Hong Kong Sees a New Threat

China's Jailing of Reporter Heightens Fears Over 1997

"We didn't want to see the issue

being politicized in the tense atmo-

sphere of the Sino-British row,"

said the paper's executive chief edi-

tor, Cheung King-bor. "But now the 12-year sentence has told us the

method we tried in the past was

useless." Mr. Cheung's comments

Thursday came during interviews

secretary and deputy to the gover-

oor, said: "There has been wide-

governing news gathering in China

Anson Chan, Hong Kong's chief

with local ocwspapers.

Balladur Tells China France Won't Push Human Rights Issue

BEIJING — Prime Minister Edouard Balladur of France gave assurances Thursday that France would not "interfere" in China's internal affairs, including the hu-man rights issue, a Chinese official

Offered at the start of an official visit here, the assurances followed a statement by the French foreign minister, Alain Juppe, that French

officials would express their dissat-isfaction with Chinese treatment of political dissenters.

tended "to say in our talks with Chinese officials that this problem concerns us." He said they would possibly give lists of names to draw their attendon to individual

interfering in the internal affairs of other countries and France is willing to discuss the issues with other

The spokesman, Wu Jianmin, said Mr. Balladur's comment came as the two leaders discussed human rights at a meeting of their delegations. "It is obvious that China and France have different views on the buman rights issue," Mr. Wn said. We also noted that the French side will not interfere in the inter-

The spokesman said Mr. Balladur did not bring up the arrest last week of China's most prominent dissident. Wei Jingsheng.

cians running in future elections to al interest in human rights every-

People in Hong Kong now feel had agreed to his suggestion of a it's not just the problem of Xi Yang private meeting to discuss human

PRAGUE - The Czech government has blocked the export of military technology to Iran being planned by a military tradiog group, a Defense Ministry official

Czech arms producers applied earlier this year for a license to export maintenance technology for Soviet-designed T-72 tanks to Iran, the

future sales of gold reserves, its editors are now at the vanguard of public protest. through to Beijing," said Emily Lau, a Legislative Council member. "This incident is having a lot of repercussions in the community." Evidence that self-censorship by local journalists and media proprietors alike is growing in Hong Kong has sparked concern about the future of the colony's indepen-

dent press. The lure of expanding into the Chinese market has proven too nal affairs of other countries." tempting for media groups based in Hong Kong to risk Beijing's ire with aggressive reporting oo Chi-

spread dismay in response to the But the depth of public concern over the Xi Yang case may force treatment mapped out to Xi roprietors and pro-China politi-We have many reporters going about their legitimate business in China," Mrs. Chan said. They atable to Beijing. oced to know clearly what the rules

are, so that they can ensure that they comply with these rules." Beijing, already under international pressure over the arrest of China's most prominent political dissident, Wei Jingsheng, and his secretary, Tong Yi, is refusing to elaborate on Mr. Xi's case.

"I don't think there's any oced for further clarification," a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman said at a weekly news briefing, Reuters reported from Beijing.

This case has been decided because he stole national secrets of China, and he was given a criminal punishment by Chinese judicial or-gans," said the spokesman, Wu Jianmin. "This is within China's

With British diplomatic efforts limited by Mr. Xi's Chinese nationality, the Hong Kong community is looking to local pro-China political figures to intercede in the dispute. Someone has to get the message was blocked by the government.

take a stance that may prove unpal- where in the world."

or Ming Pao Daily or journalists only," said Daisy Li, head of the Hong Koog Journalists Association. They see this and wonder China in 16 years by a French head what will be the fate of Hoog Kong of government. It comes at a time

Prague Moves to Block Military Exports to Iran

said Thursday, The RDP Group associating 40 Defense Ministry said. But the deal

Mr. Juppé said the French in-

prisoners, as we have done in many other countries." The foreign minister's remarks were in an interview published Thursday by the Paris newspaper Libération. After Mr. Balladur's opening meeting with Prime Minister Li Peng, the spokesman for the Chi-nese Foreign Ministry said the French prime minister had stated that "France has no intention of

countries on an equal footing."

Bernard Brigouleix, a French

spokesman, said Mr. Balladur had stated that France "has a tradition-Mr. Brigouleix also said Mr. Li

private meeting to discuss human rights, including the issue of Tibet, hut gave no details. Mr. Balladur's visit is the first to when France is seeking ontlets for its exports as a way of reviving a

depressed economy. In contrast to its evident satisfactioo with the French approach, the Chioese Foreign Ministry said Thursday that U.S. expressions of concern about Mr. Wei constituted

meddling in China's affairs. "It is China's internal affair that China's public security organs are interrogating Wei Jingsheng according to the law," the ministry said. "It is inappropriate for any foreign country to make irresponsible remarks on this matter."

Mr. Wu, declared that Mr. Wei "has broken the law and must be

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U.S. Sanctions Urged on Taiwan Wildlife Exports

the start of a welcoming ceremony for Prime Minister Carl Bildt of Sweden at the presidential palace in Hanoi on Thursday.

By Thomas L. Friedman New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - An interagency committee has recommended to President Bill Chaton that he impose trade sanctions on Taiwan for illegal trafficking in rhinoceros horns and tiger bones, but forgo for oow imposing similar sanotions on China, which has also been accused of involvement in the trade of exotic wildlife parts.

White House officials said that the interagency recommendation had not yet gone to the president's desk, but that he was expected to deal with it soon.

If he went ahead with the recommendation, it would mark the first time that the United States has imposed sanctions on another country for trafficking in endangered species.

Administration officials said that the sanc-

tions against Taiwan would likely be largely symbolic. The United States would bar all of Taiwan's wildlife product exports, which total

U.S. officials say the case highlights the growing awareness that as trade becomes more global, the environmental impact can be enormous. They say governments must be increasingly prepared to use trade measures to protect endangered species.

This trend is unpopular with developing countries, which fear that talk about linking trade and the environment is a veil for industrialized nations to protect certain markets by imposing onerous environmental conditions on

Tiger and rhinoceros parts are ground up and widely used in Asia as medicinal potions and aphrodisiacs. In addition, advances in hunting and the marketing of wildlife in recent years have driven tigers and chinoceroses almost to

The world's tiger population is estimated to have fallen from 100,000 to 5,000 in the 20th

century. The rhinoceros population has also been decimated, with wildlife experts estimating that only about 10,000 survive in the wild.

Administration officials insist that the decision to recommend sanctions against Taiwan, and not China, was made not out of a desire to avoid offending Beijing, bot because the Chi-nese authorities had taken some steps at Wash-ington's behest to limit the trafficking of tiger minoceros parts, while larwan had not

Some wildlife officials, however, say the trade in tiger and thinoceros parts has oot been adequately reduced in China, despite what appears to be the start of a real effort to deal with

In 1993, South Korea, which also practices tradicional medicine, imported 1.5 tons of tiger bones from China, after that country had banned tiger exports, according to South Korean records. It takes more than 200 tigers to produce 1.5 tons of bones, wildlife experts say.

BOOKS

WHAT THEY BE READING

NEW & COLLECTED

By Geoffrey Hill. 228. \$29.95. Paperback, \$14.95. Houghton Mifflin.

Reviewed by Michael Dirda

L AST December, in Book World's holiday feature about writers who deserve the Nobel Prize, the poet and man of letters Donald Hall named Geoffrey Hill "the best English poet of the 20th century." Many readers, I'm sure, were taken aback by the awful daring of this sweeping assertion. Bet-ter than Auden? Better than Larkin? Better than Graves, Lawrence and Housman? Just who was this Geoffrey Hill that we should be so mindful of him? Happily, Hall ended his pitch by mentioning that Hill's collected poetry would be published early this year.

Though only 200 pages long. Hill's "New and Collected Poems"

represents 40 years' work: five previously issued volumes, supplemented by a dozen or so new poems. I was momentarily chaggined to see that Hill dedicates the volume to Donald Hall, and I later discovered that the two are old friends. No matter. Geoffrey Hill lives up to his advance notice. This is as thrilling a book of poems as one will ever read.

Actually, Hill's particular fineness - a haiku-like profundity to each exacting word, coupled with a spiritual seriousness and wittily dour outlook on life — has long been recognized. Harold Bloom, Christopher Ricks, John Bayley and many other eminences agree about the severe beauty of Hill's language — and the slipperiness of his meaning. Certainly his poems, steeped in history, blood and ambiguity, make some tough demands oo the reader, but they also display such burnish, such sensuality and coiled force that by comparison most other verse looks pale, undernourished and unimportant.

A few snippets will show what I mean, though one does violence to these rightly packed poems, their every rift loaded with ore, by highlighting the more obvious beauties: Your photo-alhums loved by the boy-

preserve in sepia waterglass the souls of distant cousins, virgin till they died

· Elaine Steinbeck is reading "John Steinbeck: A Biography" by Jay Parini.
"I couldn't be happier. I like it better than any other book ever written about my husband." (Miranda Haines, IHT)



Crack of a starting-pistol. Jean Jau-Did Peguy kill Jaurès? Did he incite the assassin? Must men stand by

what they write

as by their camp-beds or their weaponry or shell-shocked comrades while they sag and cry?
The Mystery of the

Charity of Charles Peguy Why do I have to relive even now, Your mouth, and your hand

running over me Deft as a lizard, like a sinew of

"A Song from Armenia" Most of us, and most poets too, write slackly compared to this stately music. Seamus Heaney, who should know, rightly says, "Hill addresses the language like a ma-son addressing a block. Words in his poetry fall slowly and singly, like molten solder, and accumulate to a dull glowing nub."

tely counter to the tenor of our poetic times, Hill eschews the lax and confessional. Indeed, he has nothing but scorn for those who suppose "that the poem is merely a vessel to contain the spontaneous efflux of some kind of direct, unqualified, unmodified, unfiltered personal spasm." Hill may occasionally use his childhood, as be does in "Mercian Hymns" (stunning prose poems that blur the life of the ancient King Offa with that of the young Hill), but he does this with the same passionate control he employs in rendering some of history's most savage moments. (Consider one of his poems "about" the Holocaust with its darkly punning over-ture: "Undesirable you may have

been, untouchable you were not") Tant, dense, Hill's lyrics look like neutron stars and explode like su-

Throughout his ocuvre Hill faces those mysteries that trouble most of us: religious faith and doubt, the horrors of war and genocide, the past's inexorable pull, the twists and betrayals of language, the corruption of noble causes, the nature

Michael Dirda is of The Washington Post.

art he practices, Hill remains impassioned but deeply ambivalent: In one of his essays be quotes Coleridge's observation that "poetry excites us to artificial feelings makes us callous to real ones." Little wonder that this transplanted Brit is now a university professor of both English literature and religion (at Boston University).

of government, the shadowy in-

scrutabilities of the soul About all these matters, about even the very

The jacket of a previous edition of Hill's work blazoned forth a painting of a man and a winged being, possibly Jacob and the an-gel. But are the pair wrestling or embracing? Or is the man being raised up, perhaps to some heaven-ly reward? Certainly one could hardly find a better, richer image for the reader overwhelmed by Geoffrey Hill's powerful and se-

Michael Dirda is on the staff of

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott P OR anyone who owns a set of duplicate boards - eight will do in a pinch - it makes sense to gather eight players for a social evening of home duplicate. You can play a straight head-to-head team game, or players can have an individual, which requires knowledge of the appropriate movement.

The diagramed deal from such a game was played in early 1993. Larry Markes sat South and was the declarer in four spades. A club was led to the ace, and East shifted to the heart ten.

South won with the ace and se about trying to score as many trump tricks as possible. He crossed to the spade king, ruffed a

club and returned to the spade ace reaching this position: NORTH EAST SOUTH OAK62

Now South ruffed a club, cashed his diamond winners and ruffed a diamond. Then another club was ruffed, and dummy's last trump scores en passant. Markes thought he might have gained for his team, but virtue had to be its own reward. In the replay the South cards were played by John Swanson. After getting some help in the heart suit he played similarly 10 make an over-trick.

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Don't Let Hamas Prevail

innocents. But how good is the Islamic resis- ations on track. If it succeeds, then the protance movement at politics? The car bomb for spects of political coexistence between Arabs which it solicited credit on Wednesday was intended. Hamas said, to disrupt the autonomy bandwagon. In fact, it appears that many Palestinians favor the autonomy now on the cusp of completion by Palestinian and Israeli days away. It is still in Israel's interest to stay negotiators. They see it as woefully short of immediate statehood but better than continued Israeli occupation. By its terrorism, Hamas may be flouting not so much the Israeli will as the Palestinian will. Whether the organization diminishes or strengthens itself in its political competition with Yasser Arafat's

mainstream PLO is the question of the hour. After the atrocity by an Israeli terrorist in Hebron on Feb. 25, the general expectation set in that there would be a high-visibility Palestin-ian response. The bomb at Afula, north of Jerusalem, may be it, although one hesitates to conclude that the savage cycle of violence is at an end. Just as the Hebron crime allowed Israel's leadership to isolate Israeli extremists, however, so the crime in Afula challenges the Palestinian leadership to do the same. It can do

Hamas again proves that it is good at killing so by combating terrorism and keeping negotiand Israelis may yet be advanced by these back-to-back events, horrendous as they are. At least until Wednesday, the beginning of

on schedule. To ease the rage that makes the occupation dangerous to Israel makes the security of the second that the second t ground. That means pulling out Israeli troops and installing self-rule promptly in, first, Gaza and Jericho. Nnt all the burden falls on the two parties. Other Arab states are moving too slowly to deal Israel openly into regional affairs. Prospective donors to a new Palestine cannot fall behind the pace of Palestinian readiness. Syria, Jurdan and Lebanon must catch up at their respective peace tables. But already Israel and the PLO were starting to beef up the content of autonomy and to take on issues (land use, water) bearing on the next-stage final-status agenda. Afula cannot be allowed to break the negotiators' stride. -THE WASHINGTON POST.

China Makes It Difficult

Beijing's domestic political anxicties proba-bly explain the latest charges against Wei Jingsheng, China's leading democracy campaigner, and the criminal investigation of his office assistant, Tong Yi. Deng Xiaoping has always put political control ahead nf China's international reputation, and Mr. Wei, fearlessly outspoken since his release from a long prison term last fall, has had a special knack for getting under the paramount leader's skin. In fact, Mr. Deng is widely reported to have boasted to party colleagues a few years back that the indifferent reaction of foreign governments to Mr. Wei's earlier incarceration proved that China could take a hard line on dissent without damaging its basic interests.

But this time Beijing may have miscalculated, badly, Mr. Wei is too symbolically important, and the May deadline set by the Clinton administration for deciding the future of U.S.-Chinese trade relations too near at hand, for Washington to look the other way again. Congress and American public opinion would rightly see such a show of indifference as

legalistic hypocrisy.

Beijing has correctly concluded that the Clinton administration — including human rights champions in the State Department as well as trade and economic officials — is looking for a plausible way to justify renewing favorable tariff status this year. With that goal in mind, Secretary of State Warren Christooher has been scrambling to portray his recent bumpy visit to Beijing as a pragmatic success. But Beijing's latest high-profile crackdown — posed on a Hong Kong journalist this week -threatens to make full renewal of China's

trade privileges politically impossible.

That is surely not what Beijing wants. China, despite its public posture of indifference, knows that the economic development plans on which the Communist regime's survival depends would be devastated by trade sanctions. But without some timely help from Beijing, the Clinton administration could be forced into imposing those sanctions, harming American economic interests as well as Chinese.

The freedom of Wei Jingsheng is not one of the explicit conditions that Bill Clinton set down last May as the basis for deciding whether to renew China's trade privileges before they run out this July. On the two absolote conditions, policing prison labor exports and allowing freer emigration, China is al-ready within reach of compliance. The other conditions deal with issues like treatment of Tiananmen Square prisoners, respect for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which includes the right of all people to freedom of opinion and expression), honoring the distinctive traditions of Tibet and ending the jamming of Voice of America broadcasts. On these nothing more is required than a judgment call by the secretary of state that there has been overall, significant progress.

But that judgment call will be hard to make. and to sustain in Congress, if China continues its provocative campaign against all dissent.

— THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Government at Its Worst

or in full flight to other countries. The econo-evidence of rights violations or allegations of my is in a free-fall brought on by horrendous support for terrorism, Sudan continues to remismanagement and a ruinous 10-year-old sort to weak rationalizations and denials on a an astonishingly positive assessment of its performance. Authorities in Khartoum say Sudan offers a model of a successful Islamic revolution that other Islamic nations will want to emulate. The suffering and misery of the Sudanese people speak otherwise.

When it comes to the abuse of human rights, the government of Sudan has few sovereign peers. From summary executions to torture and other cruel and degrading treatment to the practice of the slave trade, Sudan ranks right up there with the worst practitioners. Freedom of association and conscience are honored in the breach. To freely practice one's own religion in Sudan, when the religion is non-Islamic, is to invite intimidation and harassment. And Sudanese children, it seems, have borne the brunt of their government's excesses, being made victims themselves of slave trafficking. Cases of flagrant abuses have been documented and highlighted by the United Nations Human Rights Commission as well as the Clinton ad-

Millions of Sudanese are hungry, displaced ministration — all to little avail. In the face of

Nothing seems to faze the authorities in Khartoum. Sudan points with pride to its isolation from international credit markets and to the fact that it is one of the few countries in the world with no foreign reserves. The World Bank will not do business with the Sudanese. and the International Monetary Fund is poised to put them out the door. In fact, economic conditions are so dire that even with decent crop production, export earnings are wiped out with the purchase of the small quantities of oil and gas that are used to keep the country's wheels barely turning.

For all the sorrows that the government is heaping upon its own people, Sudan pretends it is the envy of the Islamic world. In fact, it is woefully out of step with other nations that respect the rights and freedoms of all people within their borders. In its present form, Sudan does indeed offer a model. It is the epitome of government at its worst.

-- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

Labor Standards: No Easy Way

The move by the United States and France to make market-opening in rich countries con-ditional on the developing world adopting "universally recognized" labor standards and

other, as yet unspecified, social reforms is arbitrary and deplorable. Coming just days before the Uruguay Round package is to be signed at the GATT ministerial meeting in Marrakesh, it amounts to a last-ditch attempt to keep the protectionist option open.

This is quite apart from the fact there already exists a body -the International Labor Organization - whose mandate is precisely to push for certain minimum labor standards around the world. It is not clear why its territory should be taken over by GATT or the soon to be formed World Trade Organization.

What of the economic and humanitarian merits of linking trade with labor standards? At first sight, these may appear obvious. Who

would object to, say, putting an end to child labor? But the reality in the developing world is complicated. We are talking about countries where governments do not have the financial or administrative resources to build claborate social safety nets; where families, not factories, are usually the basic unit of production; where the choice is often between a child working and a child starving; and where the legislation of minimum wages in the presence of a huge mass of surplus labor

would throw tens of millions out of work. In the last century, things were not much different in the United States or Europe. Mechanisms of social protection evolved as those societies became more prosperous and sophisti-cated. In much of the developing world that same evolution is now taking place. Yes, there are countries where it needs to be speeded up. But threatening such countries with cutting off access to markets is hardly the way forward.

- Business Times (Singapore).



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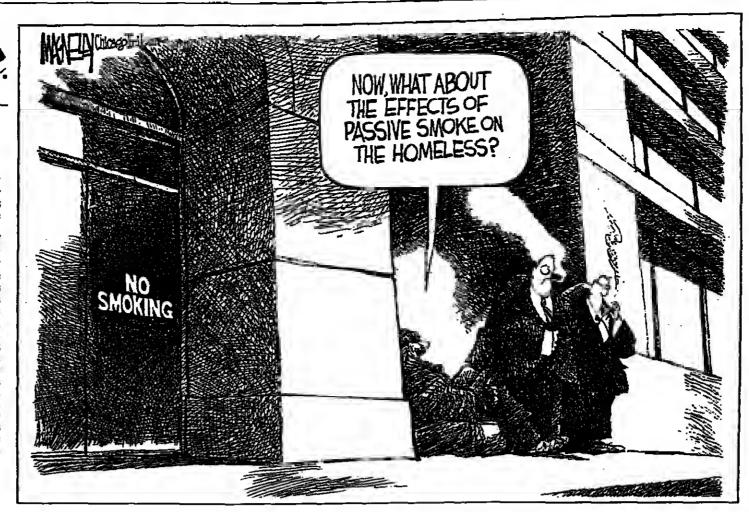
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Fated to Live With a Nuclear-Armed North Korea?

CANBERRA — As the Korean crisis deepens, the international community confronts the bleak reality that none of the policy options currently being canvassed is likely to prevent North Korea from acquiring nuclear weapons, if it has not already

made a couple of crude bombs.

So far, U.S. policy has been to tempt Pyongyang with the offer of political and economic rewards in exchange for abandoning its nuclear ambitions. This policy appeared logi-cal enough, since the economy of the world's last Stalinist state is in deep crisis. To get the external economi assistance that it desperately needed, North Korea had to submit to rigorous international inspections, not just of the nuclear facilities it has declared to the International Atomic Energy Agency but also of any sus-pect undeclared sites.

By Flora Lewis

ARIS — The press frenzy about Whitewater seems to have subsided for the moment, but it would be a mistake for people outside the United States to think that the storm has passed and they can forget about it.

It is sure to distract American and White House atten-

tion for some time to come, and that is the biggest single impediment now to American action in world affairs.

A special investigation is under way, and both the

House and the Senate plan their own bearings, tele-

vised, so the worst of the spectacle is yet to come

regardless of what is learned. A perverse attitude has

taken hold in Washington. There is no evidence of

contrary, it is taken as a sign that probers must dig

This reaction is akin to the recurrent Kennedy assas-

sination plot theories holding that since there has never

been the slightest proof of a conspiracy, it must have

Of course, the murder was a crime, and both Richard

Nixon's Watergate and Ronald Reagan's Iran-contra scandals started with much lesser yet still clearly iden-tifiable illegal acts. But nothing like that has surfaced

with Whitewater. It is all atmosphere and shadowy

suspicion, nothing to do with policy or even the White

House, except that the Clintons moved there from the

a decade ago has necessarily become a presidential

concern about running for re-election in 1996, and that

and attention away from urgent affairs of state. How

much more Bill Clinton would be involving himself in

economy and social questions. He learned soon enough

that even the economy was inextricably linked with

foreign relations, and that crises abroad would neither

untangle themselves nor quietly wait their turn for an

American decision on whether and bow to intervene.

He was moving to an awareness that it is both dangerous and against U.S. interest to leave the vacu-

He started out determined to give priority to the

critical foreign issues otherwise is hard to say.

Willy-nilly, it is taking precious White House time

But the brouhaha about Clinton finances more than

governor's mansion in Arkansas.

is what it is really all about.

year ago. The country was then in the midst of a turbulent campaign

the United Nations but boycotted

by the Khmer Rouge.

Despite Khmer Rouge intimida-

tion and barassment, survivors of the

killing fields turned out in strength.

More than 90 percent of registered voters went to the polls. A democrat-

ic government was formed and a con-

was elected to the throne again. He is

to return to Phnom Penh this Friday

after treatment for cancer in China

As long as he lives, he will provide the

nation with a sense of stability and

confidence. But it is important that a

succession plan be agreed upon to

ensure continuity.

Cambodia's coalition government

faced two major problems when it

came to power last year; the Khmer

Rouge and the parlous state of the

economy. The Khmer Rouge danger

appears to have been greatly reduced,

stitutional monarchy adopted. Norodom Sihanouk, who was king of Cambodia in the 1940s and '50s.

elections in May, supervised by

been terribly broad and sinister to remain hidden.

deeper because heinous facts are so well buried.

By Andrew Mack

However, for three years Pyong-yang has stalled and hedged on the napection issue.

Optimists, whose number included much of official Washington, argued that the North was "playing the nu-

Bombing would not knock out secret underground facilities that might exist.

clear card" and that once it had extracted maximum concessions from the United States it would concede on the inspection issue. But Pyong-yang has never given the slightest hint that it would be willing in any cir-cumstances to agree to intrusive spe-

White House Distraction Does Matter

cial inspections of suspect undeclared sites. Without such inspections, an one can be sure that the North has no

clandestine nuclear facilities. The reality is that the beleaguered Stalinist regime sees acquisition of nuclear weapons as a vital national security interest - an interest far more important than acquiring exter-

nal economic assistance. The North perceives itself to be threatened by U.S. nuclear weapons, and by the military forces of the South as the conventional military balance on the peninsula moves inexorably in the latter's favor. Pyong-yang is also acutely conscious of the loss of its nuclear ally since the col-

um that American passivity creates in how the world is

run. He has organized his government, however, in a manner suitable for a president who wants to take a

strong, dominant hand in world affairs, like a Roose-

velt and not like an Eisenhower, with an executive

officer and not a concept man as secretary of state.

Both he and Secretary of State Warren Christopher understand that the world has changed since the Cold War and that, as Mr. Christopher said recently,

we're now in an uncharted area where we have to

define the national interest much more broadly." It

cannot be done in a simple word or sentence, the

acceptance that the United States has to show active

concern if it wants a world climate in which it can

As Mr. Christopher named them, they are: global

growth to promote economic security; Russian reform

to prevent a new confrontation; "modernizing" NATO

and relations with Europe; Asia - particularly China

and Japan; the Middle East, to promote peace; and the package of global issues including environment, popu-lation, nonproliferation, narcotics and terrorism.

It's a big menu, and delivery takes constant, hands-

A French analyst, commenting the other day on

ebbing American involvement, expressed surprise that "it makes so little difference." This is simply wrong. It would certainly make a lot of difference if President

Clinton were putting the energy into a Middle East settlement that Jimmy Carter put into the Egypt-Israel

Camp David treaty. Washington-Paris-Moscow deci-

siveness turned Sarajevo and Bosnia around, but they

have not followed up enough to keep progress on track.

There are other examples of Clinton starts, now fizzling.

That is the importance of Whitewater, not that it damages a lively president's image but that it takes his mind and therefore public attention away from what

he should be encouraged to do. America's partners in

the world can lose by it. They need to allow for it and,

to the extent they can, clamor loudly enough for the

American press to antice what is being overlooked.

O Flora Lewis.

They are the right ones, and while one may disagree

secretary said, listing six priorities.

reshape America as it seeks.

on top-level effort.

umbrella. Weapons of mass destruc-tion will also give the North a politi-cal status in the region that it cannot hope to achieve hy other means.

North may have diverted enough plutonium for one or two nuclear weapons. In 1995 a new nuclear reactor will become operational. It will produce enough fissile material for an additional 10 or 12 bombs. Herein lies the central problem with the sanctions option. They take years to work against totalitarian regimes, so the North could produce a sizable nuclear arsenal well before sanctions had the desired effect.

to go nuclear, too. ar facilities before it is too late. But dreds of thousands of Koreans on

impossible to resort to military strikes until all other options had been tried and had failed. By then the North might already have not just plutonium but also deliverable nuclear weapons or at least a nuclear device assembled in a tunnel under the Demilitarized Zone that divides the peninsula just north of Seoul. In these circumstances, conventional military strikes

Thus, alarming though the pro-

The writer, professor of internation

ity, a countervailing deterrent against the perceived American nuclear threat and compensation for the removal of the Soviet nuclear

No economic or political carrots are tempting enough to persuade Pyongyang to give up a nuclear program that it sees as vital to its security. U.S. policy ignores the reality that even repressive totalitarian regimes can have genuine perceived security concerns.

The sanctions option will also fail, even if China goes along, Sanctions will not affect the ruling elite in North Korea; they will burt ordinary people who have no power and who may well believe the relentless message of a state propaganda machine that blames all of the nation's troubles on the machinations of the "imperialists and their lackeys."

Intelligence estimates are that the

This prospect gives rise to two nightmare scenarios. First, that once North Korea has enough nuclear nity requirements it will start selling the excess production, as well as the missiles to deliver them, to states like Iran, Iraq and Libya. Second, that a North Korean bomb will impel South Korea and possibly Japan

It is to forestall such possibilities that hawks in Washington and Scoul advocate bombing the North's nuclethe bombing option is not likely to succeed, either, and would almost certainly trigger a war in which hunboth sides could be killed.

While military strikes could cer-tainly destroy the North's declared above-ground nuclear sites, they could not hit any secret underground facilities that might exist. Nor could they destroy hidden stockpiles of al-

ready produced plutonium.

Moreover, it would be politically could cause a Korean nuclear war.

spect may be, it is time for the international community to consider se-riously what has previously been unthinkable; how to live with a nuclear-armed North Korea.

al relations at the Australian National University, is author of "Asian Flash-point: Security and the Korean Peninsida." He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

Appeasers Score an Own Goal

By Josef Joffe

MUNICH — Where is Winston Churchill when we need him? The great wartime leader stood ready to fight the Nazis anywhere. Today's English won't resist, and certainly won't invade. They have canceled a soccer match against Germany in Berlin for fear of neo-Nazi violence.

O.K., April 20 is not just any date in the calendar. It happens to be the birthday of the late and unlamented Führer. Also, the chance of violence was real, given that Nazi punks from all over Germany were planning to converge on Berlin for some mano a mano celebratinns complete with beer bottles and baseball bats.

Still, the day will live in infamy, to borrow a line from Churchill's World War II colleague Franklin Roosevelt. And the decision to cancel the match is not just a British failure. British reluctance to get caught in the cross fire between neo-Nazis and German anti-Nazi demonstrators is all the more understandable in that English clubs — more precisely, their booligan fans - still have a fearful reputa-tion to live down. After the Heysel stadium mayhem in Brussels in 1985, English clubs were banned from Eu-

ropean cup games for several years. The real failure of nerve is German, and thereon hangs a larger tale. The venue was to have been Hamburg. Mesmerized by the April 20 date and rumors of violence, Hamburg political authorities begged to be relieved of the boncr. After much bemming and hawing, the buck was passed to Berlin. It was a fateful misstep.

Whatever the bald-headed boys in leather jackets and paratroop boots had planned, now they were surely emboldened. Hamburg's demurral meant that the latter-day swastika brigades were being taken seriously! Hitler's great-grandchildren had a shiny victory without lifting a baseball bat. Indeed, they had done much better than their elders, who fail abysmally at the polls whenever they try to field a new Nazi party.

Now mighty Bedin, the wannabe capital, has fallen long before a single Vandal marched up to its gates.

True, Churchill's beirs caved in by canceling the match. But it is no se-cret that the (English) Football Association had received plenty of hints that such a move would be counte-

nanced with grateful understanding. Nor was Bonn about to expel the British ambassador. The government was surely consulted by the German Football Federation, as were the lawand-order authorities in Berlin. This is standard procedure before politically sensitive sports events. The bottom line is that everybody — in the soccer and the Bonn hierarchies — was re-lieved to let the English play Cham-berlain and withdraw from the field. So the official statement register-

part of the German federation rings hollow as well as self-serving. nz Beckenb tional coach, opined, "No football game is worth nots and bloodshed." On the face of it, be may be right. At a deeper level, the German-abetted English cop-out betrays a larger and sadder truth. Germany's powers-that-be

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saw the enemy, a few hundred at worst, and blinked. They let the would-be storm troopers carry the day without resistance. In the first place, nobody should

have bestowed any significance on Hitler's birthday. There is nothing magic about it. It is a date that should simply be ignored.

Secondly, if one is worried about the new Nazis, one does not fight them by preemptive surrender - first yielding Hamburg, then capitulating in Berlin. The Germans are justly proud of their postwar democracy, but pride of possession implies a readiness to resist democracy's enemics. Sometimes force may indeed be the

cost, but Berlin itself offers a most useful lesson for dealing with fascists of whatever color. In 1989, left-wing punks threatened to turn the Berlin meeting of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund into a violent "revolutionary" bappening. In response, 10,000 policemen from all over West Germany converged on Berlin, deterring the nasties by their mere presence. On April 20 at the Olympic Stadi-

um it could have been done with one-tenth that number. Would the overtime pay fur Berlin's finest bave been too high a price? Sadly, a far higher price has been paid. ft is called appeasement — ni those who will not be appeased.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Rogue in Disguise' BERLIN — The Government insists

that the Reichstag shall give the come de grace to the Taxation Reform Bill by a formal rejection of the measure. Taxation measures are like the "worm that never dies." When the deficit, which up to now has been carefully concealed, once becomes apparent, our legislators must just swallow the leek and vote the Government proposals. For the moment the provisional flourishes. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." But as a German proverb truly says, "the provisional is a rogue in disguise."

1919: Pigeon Saves Flier

NEW YORK - A carrier pigeon. after battling in a strong offshore wind late on Saturday night [April 5], fluttered in the window of a hotel at Atlantic City, where it dropped exhauted, bearing a message from En-sign Howard Finch, adrift off the shore in a scapiane without gasoline

A search was immediately started. After several bours Finch was located. Although having fought against beavy seas for nearly twenty-four hours, his first thought upon rescue was for the pigeon, which he ordered to be given the best meal an Atlantic City hotel could furnish.

1944: A Silent Death HEADQUARTERS, AMERICAN AIR COMMANDO FORCE, India-

Burma Border — [From our New York edition:] This is the story of an American farm boy who drowned rather than cry for help and disclose the position of his friends. Sergeant Estel L Nienaber, of R.F.D. No. 2 Columbia, Mo., was the crew chief of a glider which was forced down over enemy territory in Burma. Half way across a river a swimmer escorting Nienaber became tired and went under. When the swimmer came up it was too late. With his lips clamped together. Nienaber sank below the surface without making a sound.

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and the economy is improving. The once fearsome Communist group, responsible for the deaths of perhaps as many as 3 million people, is being marginalized. The Khmer Rouge made a fatal mistake by first boycotting and trying to sabotage the

UN-supervised elections, then seeking to be part of the government. Government forces have recently overrun Khmer Rouge strongholds in the west and southwest - including the most important center, Pailin.

By Sichan Siv

Help Can Work in Renascent Cambodia

P HNOM PENH — Cambodia is recovering much faster from twn decades of death and destruction than many thrught possible just a which gave the guerrillas access to millions of dollars in tax revenue from valuable gem mining and logging.
China stopped supporting the
Khmer Rnuge after the Paris peace
accords of 1991. The Thai government has said it will abide by the agreement. Without extensive back-

> bave nn chance nf retaking power. With the security situation improv-ing, it is time for Cambodia to press ahead with moves to eradicate corruptim, improve the efficiency of government, introduce sound ecooomic development policies and spread the benefits of growth from urban centers into the countryside to ensure that radical groups like the Khmer Rouge no longer have legiti-

ing from outside and from the Cam-

bodian people, Khmer Rouge troops

mate grievances to exploit. Some steps have already been tak-en by the Phnom Penh administration. A new investment law allows foreign companies to repatriate prolits and have long-term land leases. The National Bank of Cambodia has been able to stabilize the currency. the riel: for the past six months, official and unofficial rates have been kept at about 2,500 riels to the dollar.

If the country is to regain over the next five years the level of prosperity it had in the mid-1960s, foreign aid and investment will be needed. The Clinton administration has maintained the U.S. commitment to help Cambodia that was started with the Rengan and Bush administrations. Through the International Conference for the Reconstruction of Cambodia, which met recently in Takyo, the United States has provided aid amounting to more than \$135 million. There are considerable investment opportunities. Cambodia needs many things, from consumer goods and medicine to electricity, telecommuni-

cations and major infrastructure. It has many resources to pay for imports and attract investment. Tourism could be a major currency earner. There is great scope for min ing, fishing, agriculture and agribusinesses. In the late 1960s, Cambodia was a big rice exporter. Oil and gas have recently been found, although it is too early to know whether they

exist in commercial quantities.

The government is fighting corruption. Contracts and licenses with no benefit to the country, and those approved under the table, are being reviewed. Officials involved in graft are being punished. As state revenues increase, more pay can be given to civil servants, the military and the police. Clean leadership will also help climinate corruption.

Many Cambodians who have lived and worked in the West are returning to assist in the reconstruction and development of their country. They can provide a bridge between a lowcost work force that is eager to be trained, and foreign capital and know-how which can help to ensure that Cambodia will never return to the dark night of civil war and tyranny.

The writer, a Cambodian-born U.S. citizen who recently revisited Cambodia, is senior vice president of Commonwealth Associates, a New York investment banking firm. He contributed this comment to the Herald Tribune.

A Justice Busy 'Dealing With People'

B OSTON — The news stories all described him the same way:

"Justice Harry Blackmun, the author of the abortion decision." The byline on one decision followed him through his story on the beach Now it follows: his years on the bench. Now it follows him into retirement.

It is the byline that brought protesters to the courthouse. It is the name that brought hate letters to the mailbux. It is the name that bred scores of malicious nicknames: butcher, Hitler, Pontius Pilate.

Surely, there are labels this gentle, careful justice would have preferred. He liked to call himself "Old Number Three," a bumble reminder of the fact that be was chosen by Richard Nixon after two other nominees were rejected by the Senate. He wanted to be known as a good worker in the vineyard who held his own and contributed generally to the advancement of the law." He saw himself as someone who rejected labels in favor of justice.

But from the day the Minnesota son of a grocer reluctantly agreed to write the decision of a lifetime, he became Justice Blackmun, the author of the abortioo decision."

"We all pick up tags," he once said later and philosophically. "Til carry this one to my grave."

This pivotal opinion that heaped so much emotion - so much gratitude and so much vitriol -at his doorstep was conceived with cantion and compromise. Though Justice Hugo Black had once cautioned him never to legal tradition to an opening that rings true today:

By Ellen Goodman

"We forthwith acknowledge our awareness of the sensitive and emo-tional nature of the abortion controversy, of the vigorous opposing views, even among physicians, and of the deep and seemingly absolute convic-tions that the subject inspires.

"One's philosophy, one's experiences, one's exposure to the raw edges of human existence, one's religious training, one's attitudes toward life and family, and their values, and the moral standards one establishes and seeks to observe, are all likely to influence and color one's thinking and conclusions about abortion."

When these words were first published, back-alley abortion was not just an expression and the coat hanger was not just a symbol on a political button. They were real. So were the women. Unlike others on the court, Justice

Blackmun never narrowed his range of vision to see only abstract principles. "We're dealing with people," he liked to say. One of them was a Texas woman known as Jane Roe. In 1973, Harry Blackmun was among the seven justices who voted to overturn the law to 48 states. He was just one in a solid majority who determined that a woman's fundamental right of privacy was "broad enough to encompass a woman's decision whether or oot to termi-

nate her pregnancy." But over the years, Justice Blackmun, pro-choice majority slipped to a margin of three, two, and then one. When someone wrote asking if he would retire so a Republican president could ap-point someone more conservative, he responded: "Dear Mr. So-and-So: No. Sincerely, Harry A. Blackmun."

As a new court nibbled and then chewed away at the right to abortion, be warned again and again, "I fear for the future ... the signs are evident and a chill wind blows." But as prochoice activists worried about his health and age, Justice Blackmun held on tenaciously into his 80s and the 1990s until the tide turned,

This modest, conservative father of three daughters also grew in his own understanding of what abortion meant. The right to abortion was not just a matter of privacy, not just the business of doctors and patients, but a matter of bberty.

On Thursday be said, "I think it was right in 1973, and I think it is right today. It's a step that had to he taken as we go down the road toward the full emancipation of women."

Today, pro-choice people worry less about the Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade than about the statehouses undermining it. The pro-life attempt to make abortion illegal has turned into an attempt to make abortion unavailable. The controversy that Justice Blackmun described eloquently in his opening words continues and so does the longing in the country to move on.

Soon, attention will turn to his successor. But those of us who remember the bad old days owe a lot to the man sion" — and a man of justice.

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Pity the Satirist in a Self-Lampooning World

WASHINGTON — A few weeks back, The New Republic published an extremely unnerving story about 23-year-old twins who murdered their parents by shelling their home with 105mm bowitzer shells and hand grenades for 20 minutes, then strafing Mom and Dad with submachine-gun fire. Then, when they ran out of ammo, they

The story went on to describe the tactics of the Zeichner brothers' lawyer, who tried to persuade a jury to acquir the boys on grounds of "imperfect self-defense." That is, from years of watching TV, movies and being exposed to their playmates' vicious, non-nurturing parents, the Zeichner twins had come away with the idea that "normal parents are confrontational, contemptuous and abusive," whereas their parents were alarmingly affectionate and supportive.

This aberrant niceness convinced the boys that they were the victims of a perverse form of child abuse and that their parents were secretly preparing to kill them. So they killed them first.

borrowed money from their not-yet-

dead mother to go out and huy more buliets so they could finish her off.

The deliciously idiotic story was written by the satirist Mark Leyner, who claimed to be covering the trial for the German magazine Der Gunniknuppel. Of course, the story was a complete hoax. a fact signaled not only by the banner headline on the magazine cover, "Mark Leyner: A Menendez Fantasy," but by a number of absurd details: Mr. Zeichner was such a swell dad that he even underwent rotator cuff surgery so he could pitch batting practice to his kids; Mrs. Zeichner, during pregnancy, "commuted to work with Walkman earpbones splayed against her pregnant belly so that Aaron and Joshua could listen — in utero

By Joe Queenan

-to Telly Savalas reading Pindar's Epinician odes in ancient Greek.

Not every New Republic reader got the joke. A Los Angeles radio station expressed an interest in airing a segment about the trial. And Denis Collins, a professor of husiness ethics at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, was so taken in by the story that he told his students to read it and prepare themselves for a discussion of the concept of conscience the following week. When a law student told him that the story was a

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boax, a furious Mr. Collins faxed a letter to the magazine calling the staff "a bunch of jerks" who had betrayed journalistic ethics by setting a trap for their readers, noting, "I don't want, nor have the time, to check out all the supposed facts in all of your articles."

In Mr. Collins's defense, be said that he skimmed the article late at night when be was really tired.

That Mr. Leyner's demented reportage could be taken seriously by some New Republie readers did not come as a surprise to me. In February, I published what I thought was a completely idiotic article about the rise of the latenessrights movement. The article discussed a bogus federal court's ruling that an employee could not be fired from his job just because he had shown up late for work every day for nine years. The article cited a fictitious court case pitting a fictitious factory worker named Snuffy Bodine against a fictitious corporation camed Allied Polymers in a lictitious court room presided over by a fictitious judge named Purvis Waffler.

To make sure that no one reading this idiotic story took it seriously, I mtroduced such seeming giveaways as a dis-ease called "tardialamtrakia" ("a chrooie inability to arrive anywhere on time"), and a lateness-rights advocacy group called Late Rape run by one Heidi Beau-jolais. I also included a discussion of an organization called Citizens for Olfactory Equity headed by Ptolemy "Stinky" Garrison, a vehement defender of the work-place rights of the smelly.

The day after the story ran in the Washington Post Outlook section, I received a telephone call from a producer at a major network news magazine program seeking more information about the lateness-rights movement and expressing the emphatic hope that Heidi Beaujolais (a) existed and (b) was reachable by telephone. That same day, editors of were besieged with calls from readers demanding to know if the lateness-rights movement actually existed.

The credulous response to what I still feel was a transparently ludicrous story reaffirms something I have grudgingly learned over the years: that no matter how ridiculous your story is, some people -even a lot of people - will not get the joke. This is partly because some people including most columnists for editorial pages - have absolutely no sense of the years about publicly traded compa-

sume that anything that appears in print in a publication such as The Washington Post or The New Republic must be true.

Yet, this is only a small part of the explanation. The real reason that absurd stories about the Zeichner brothers or lateness rights are accepted at face value is that American life has become so weird that nothing seems implausible or ridiculous anymore. Who could have dreamed up Tonya Harding? Michael Jackson? Lorena Bobbiu? The Menendra heather? Jackson? Lorena Bobbiu? dez brothers? John Bobbitt? Hillary Clinton, commodities trader?

That is wby the Wisconsin professor, Mr. Collins, was so easily ensuared by Mr. Leyner's zany story. As he explained it to me, "America is so strange and so outrageous that when I read Leyner's story, my critical faculties didn't say to me: This is a sature. Instead I feit: 'Yeah, this could happen.' I began to notice the failure-to-get-

the-joke trend about six years ago, when I wrote a story in The New Republic describing a rock concert in Aspen, Colorado, called CFP Aid, which as beld to raise money to help, not farmers, victims of burricanes or AIDS patients, but unemployed Certified Fi-nancial Planners. The story was stupid.

Nevertheless, I received several calls and letters from New Republic subscribers demanding to know why the event bad not been covered by the local media, including one from a Certified Fioancial Planner in Atlanta wbo wanted to discuss the possibility of bolding a similar event in Dixie.

Another place where some readers missed the joke was Barron's, the bible of Wall Street, to which I have been a contributor since 1987. In 1992, I wrote a story discussing a number of exotic new itual funds such as the Et Tu Brutus Fund, a \$1.6 billion fund which invested its assets among firms whose names involved famous victims of assassinations: Caesars World, Lincoln Financial, etc. The story also mentioned something called the Weighted Portfolio Fund, which invested in companies that sounded large (Titan, Giant, Ponderosa) or were actually run by fat people. The story was fabulously stupid. Nevertheless, two weeks later, I found

myself on the phone consoling a mortified mutual fund publicist when he called for more information about the fund and was disconsolate when I explained to him that the whole thing was a gag. Listening to him talk, a part of me felt: How could anyone be dumb enough to fall for that story?

The article bad also mentioned the Elvis Fued, which "holds positions in Presley and Singer, and is available to anyone with sideburns and a minimum \$2,500 to iovest." I felt that such ideas were utterly preposterous. But when you sit down and think about it, cone of these funds is any more imbecilie - or risky — than a dozen real-life Third World Funds that invest in countries that may not even have the same name tomorrow. And when I reflected back oo genuine news stories I had written over nies selling ostrichburgers or funeral videos, I had to admit that the Et Tu Brutus Fund wasn't so farfetched. Nor was the Home Mutual Fund

Shopping Network, an imaginary start-up cable TV network that I wrote about in a 1993 issue of Barron's. That story dealt with a fictinous 24-hour cable TV channel that sold not only mutual funds but authentic mutual fund managers' clothing (the Net Asset Value Collec-non) that home viewers could order through an 800-number. That way, mutual fund buffs could wear dark suits and conservative ties just like their favorite mutual fund managers.

Since that article ran in October, I have received calls from journalists, lawyers and prospective investors. One call came from a guy involved with a start-up operation called I-800-FUNDS who was worried that HMFSN had beaten him to the punch. Then I got a call from a New York lawyer who was trying to start his own home mutual fund cable shopping network, but had not yet cleared regulatory difficulties.

Now I wish that I had copyrighted the

concept so I could make a few dollars off the idea and get out of the satire racket.

Faced with a barrage of phone calls, letters and faxes from readers who have been confused by what seemed at the time to be perfectly ridiculous satirical pieces, the editors of the Outlook section recently decided that henceforth the authors of these stories would be described in their thumbnail bios as "satirists." This seemed like a good way to warn readers that these stories were not to be taken seriously. And it seemed a lot more polite and sophisticated than emblazoning articles with a banner reading: IDIOTIC STORY. DON'T ASSIGN IT AS MAN-

TERIAL OR ANYTHING. Unfortunately, using the term "satirist" isn't going to get the job done. Last month, the Washington-based satirist Robert Hirschfeld wrote a short, completely ridiculous article chronicling the rise of the "Lawya Rap" movement. The story, focusing on the fortunes of a com-pany called Forda Records, described the exploits of such fictitions "Lawya Rap" groups as Ice Briefs and 2 Live Suc, and mentioned such songs as "Litigate 'til You Humiliate" and "Baby Lien on Me." It was exhibitatingly silly.

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The next day, a woman from Patrick Buchanan's office called Mr. Hirschfeld to set up an interview with some of the people he had mentioned in the story. Mr. Hirschfeld thinks that his days as a satirist could be oumbered.

"It's getting to the point where what's being passed off as legitimate news coverage, particularly in Washington, is blurring the distinction between intentional and unintentional humor," signs Mr. Hirschfeld. "For us few satirists, this is becoming an operous task." Tell me about it.

Mr. Queenan used to be a satirist in Tarrytown, New York; his latest book is "If You're Talking to Me, Your Career Must Be in Trouble." He contributed this comment to The Washington Post.

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Singapore's Assertion of a Right to Torture Is Intolerable W ASHINGTON — The verb "torture" is defined to Merriam-Webster's Tenth Collegiate Dictionary as "the infliction of intense pain (as from burning, crushing or wounding) to punish, coerce or af-ford sadistic pleasure." The dictatorship of Singapore has found an American teenager guilty of spraypainting cars and sentenced him to four months to

prisoo, a \$2,000 fine - and torture. Singapore's torture of choice is flogging by rattan cane, which elicits the screams satisfying to the torturer and scars the torturee physically and mentally for life.

Torture is an act of savagery as old as civilization. Demosthenes described it as the surest means of obtaining evidence; Tomás de Torquemada issued detailed instructions for its use in the Spanish Inquisitioo; to England, the Star Chamber employed the rack to stretch the witness's body until the bones cracked. lo our century, the Nazis delighted in finding new scientific methods for the infliction of pain, while

'tiger cages" were an Asian contribution. But now the civilized nations have a Covenant on Civil and Political Rights that declares: "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading punishment." The United Nations has a "Convention Against Torture." and Principle 6 of its protection of the imprisoned states: "No circumstances whatever may be

invoked as a justification for torture."

By William Safire

and Trinidad and Tobago) stands aloof from the universal condemnation. Singapore's dictator is actually proud of his country's reputation for keeping order by nflicting pain. Moreover, his diplomats in the United States report that many Americans endorse the lashing to be meted out to the young offender.

That some people to America thoughtlessly espouse torture is undeniable. One sap on the street to Washington told a New York Times reporter: "If you've ever had your antenna ripped off your car, you can sympathize with the government of Singapore. Lash him."

I have had more than a few antennas ripped off my car, and a few swastikas sprayed on my bouse, and felt a surge of mindless fury at the perpetrators. But I have also seen a Kurdish patriot crippled for life by one of Saddam Hussein's torturers, and witnessed the misdirected self-loathing on the face of a rape victim, and I do not think that any person or government has any

right to inflict physical pain on another human being.
If anything in life is morally wrong, torture is.
Is this being soft on criminals? Of course not, there is no such thing as a "good thrashing." The only civilized punishment is loss of property (a fine) and/or loss of freedom (a jail sentence). Taking away a convict's free-The government of Singapore (along with Malaysia dom punishes but does not inflict pain. What about the

death penalty in America? Not germane; that retributive justice by lethal injection is painless.

Those who suggest that we Americans not impose our standards on the Singaporean "culture" flirt with racism. Asian society is no more intrinsically cruel than any other civilized society. This issue is not about degrees of harshness. It is a case

of a state asserting an intolerable "right to torture." On Tuesday, President Bill Clinton sent Singapore's President Ong Teng Cheong a personal plea to avert the infliction of agony on one of America's citizens in the hope that "quiet diplomacy" would elicit clemency. (Can you imagine if the teenager were black or a woman?
"Perdicaris alive or Raisuli dead" — to quote Theodore Roosevelt's effective message to the Berber chieftain Raisuli who had kidnapped an American, Ion Perdicaris.) But the issue goes beyond clemeney.

If the dictator continues to espouse state-sponsored tornire, how might Americans react? Three hundred thousand of us could stop going to Singapore each year. or flying its airline; stockholders and customers of Seagate computers, Caltex, Mobil, Hewlett-Packard and Texas Instruments could rethink corporate investments and purchases; the use of cheap Singapore labor to "add value" to U.S. exports to Asia could be examined. Torture is a crime against bumanity. How long can

Singapore prosper as a lawless state? The New York Times.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Spare the Rod, or Not

Regarding "This Caning in Singapore Won's Make America Safer" (Opinion, April 6) by Richard Cohen:

Thank you, Mr. Cohen! I have been deeply distressed by the overwhelming support, at least to judge by some opinioo polls to the United States, for the caning sentence given to young Michael Fay by a Singapore court. Contrary to what many think, caning is not an English school-boy punishment. It is barbaric and leaves permanent physical and emotional scars.

I was to Singapore the day after the sentencing, I spoke to Mr. Fay's mother and to several students and parents at the Singapore American School. I watched many sign a petition that was sent to President Bill Clinton protesting the sentence. I saw others refuse to do so for fear of retaliation.

They agreed that Mr. Fay deserved to serve prison time and pay the \$2,000 fine. But all but one condemned the caning and said it seemed clear that Mr. Fay was being used to send a signal to Singapore's foreign community.

When I returned to Paris, I cursed those who have liberally covered the city's buildings with graffiti. I wished that they would be heavily fined and forced to clean the results of their "artistic" forays. But oever did I think that they should be brutally caned.

KAREN FAWCETT.

Regarding the report "U.S. Bishop Backs Flogging in Singapore"

I applaud Bishop Montgomery Griffith-Mair for expressing what millions of law-abiding citizens are

thinking about Michael Fay's caning sentence in Singapore.

Of course such news would not have made the headlines 40 years ago. Should I have been found guilty of destroying property, my. father would have caned me personally without instructions from the court. Many parents did to those days, and vandalism such as Mr. Fay engaged to was rare. That President Bill Clinton

should ask for clemency, thereby creating an international issue, is beyond belief. My idea of justice is that Mi-

chael Fay's parents should have to share the punishment — say, three strokes each — plus helping scrape the paint off the cars he defaced. It is unfortunate that Western politicians today do not understand that crime should be punished. CORNELIS van VLIET.

Cannes.

Turkey and Terrorism

Regarding "An Appeal to Tur-key" (Opinion, March 18) from Bernard Kouchner and Bernard Dorin: As Turkish academics living to Britain, we found the letter from Mr. Kouchner, the former French minister of health and bumanitarian action, and Mr. Dorin, a

French ambassador, to be serious-

ly misleading. First, the Turkish government and army are not alone in wanting an end to terrorism in southeast Turkey - virtually all Turkish citizens agree. It is untrue, irresponsi-ble and extremely insulting to say that Turkey "is on the verge of committing genocide." The intent by no means to destroy the Kurdish population but rather to restore security in the area; the

action is aimed only at terrorists, not at the civilian population.

The Kurdish Workers Party, or PKK, which has organized terrorist activities, is in a difficult position now. The Turkish government does not trust in its truthfulness for a peaceful settlement. This mistrust comes from experience. In 1993, PKK suffered serious losses and seemed positive about a peace ful agreement. But after a short cease-fire, the Kurdish Workers Party executed 33 Turkish soldiers,

continuing its bloody terrorism.

We believe that Turkey has as much right to combat terrorism to southeast Anatolia as France has in its struggle with terrorism to the Basque region or Corsica. Turkey is a fast-developing country on Europe's edge; it is established on democratic principles. The letter from the two French dignitaries is one-sided and almost incomprebensible in its defense of a terror-

O. TANRIKULU, N. TANRIKULU, E. AKARTUNA and S. AKARTUNA. London.

Enough of Whitewater

Regarding "Whitewater: The Real Crisis Is in the Press's Credibility" (Opinion, April 5):

Anthony Lewis put the current Whitewater pieces as close together as they will ever get. Despite all the smoke, created by the Republicans and gobbled up by the press, we taxpayers find ourselves paying millions to investigate a president's personal actions.

The American people are saying enough is enough. Let us know what President Clinton is doing, not what Governor Clinton may e done 16 years ago. We are tired of soap operas from the past. There are some important issues

out there. What is happening to the domestic programs the Clinton administration is supposed to be focusing on? What, constructively, are the Republicans doing, on domestic or international issues? Was it not Barry Goldwater, the father of modern Republican con-servatism, who said, "Let the presi-dent get on with his job"? We are

longer a responsible Republican Party, or press. KEN and MURIEL COOPER.

beginning to wonder if there is any

Le Cannet, France. Living abroad now for many cars, I can understand why Anthony Lewis was baffled about Whitewater, Indeed, what is all the hoopla about? Why has it lasted so long? My French family members do oot comprehend why the U.S. president and his wife have been esked to make their 1977-78 tax returns public. To prove that they lost money (because it would not have been good to have made some)? Was it also vital for the American people to know that

Mrs. Clinton checked "no" in the box for a S1 donation to the presidential election fund?

Can you imagine Le Monde calling on President François Mitterrand to release copies of his prepresidential tax returns? This undue treatment of the Whitewater "crisis" has gone beyoud the ridiculous.

E.C. WASYLINA. Chantilly, France.

Don't Knock the '50s

Regarding "A Darker View of the '50s on o Desperate 'Carous (Opinion, April 1) by Frank Rich:

One becomes rather tired of people trying to revise history. As a young veteran and parent to the 1950s I saw quite a different America from the one Mr. Rich portrays. I saw a generous country with a larger foreign aid program, per capita, than today, one that offered a university education to millions through the GI Bill, a country of usually full employment and low mortgages that enabled millions to escape crowded cities to their own homes in healthy, pleasant sub-urbs, a decade that saw the beginning of the long overdue equal rights movement, and which saw enormous U.S. efforts to help build vibrant democracies in Germany and Japan, plus responsible leader-ship of NATO in containing the murderous regimes east of the Iron Curtain. I suspect that if the audience cried at the performance of "Carousel" Mr. Rich describes, it

> ALAN DODDS. Bologna, Italy.

Frank Rich writes of "a mean class system in which even the police and God conspire with the mill owner against the working poor and "America's unending cycles of social injustice and domestic vioience." This sounds like a Marxist

was out of nostalgia.

time traveler from the '30s. As to the "oppressively sunny landscape" of "Ike, backyard barbecues and Ozzie and Harriet," is America better off with Bill Clinton, drive-by shootings and "Bea-

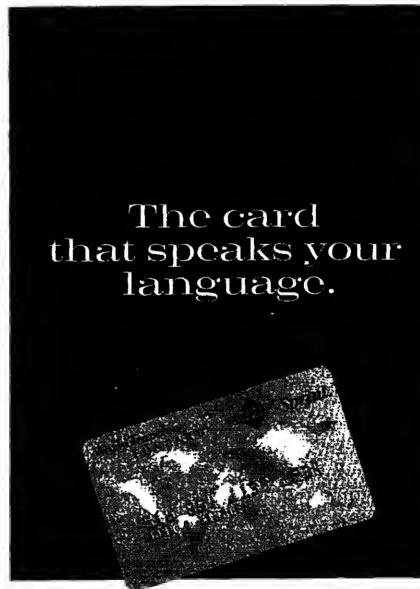
> ROBERT M. KELLEY. Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

Legislating Language

Jacques Toubon refers to the lin gnistic rights of the French ("A U.S. Tempest in o French Demitorse, Opinion, April 4). Yet it is an elementary linguistic right to use which

ever words you choose. If the French support this legislation as overwhelmingly as the culture minister claims, why do they use English in the first place? My first language (Danish) probably borrows as much from English as French does. Yet I do not understand why words can be so dangerous that legis

lation and fines are necessary. HENRIK O. RASMUSSEN. Cambridge, England.



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By Michael Dobbs , Washington Post Service

T. PETERSBURG - A wellthumbed copy of "Crime and Punishment" under my arm, I carefully traced the 730 steps taken by Rodion Raskolnikov on his way to murder the old pawnbroker. I crossed a bridge, skirted the Yusupov Palace gardens and approached a large six-story building facing the canal. My heart beat slightly faster as I climbed up a dark, oarrow staircase to the fourth floor and rang the bell. After a short interval, the door opened a crack to reveal the suspicious eyes of a wizened old lady. "Is this where the old pawnbroker lived, the one in 'Crime and Punishment"?" I asked, in my most harmless, nonthreatening tone of voice. The woman oodded, and theo slammed the door. "Go away. I'm not letting anyone in."

Life has a habit of imitating art in St. Petersburg, Russia's former capital. During its 291-year existence, the city founded by Peter the Great as a "window on the West" bas inspired such literary giants as Fyodor Dostoyevski and Alexander Pushkin, Niko-lai Gogol and Mikhail Lermontov, Anna Akhmatova and Alexander Blok. They paid the city back by immortalizing its streets canals, palaces and tenements in some of the greatest works of literature. Much of the charm of this most beautiful of Russian cities lies io the way in which fact and fiction are inextricably jumbled together in the pub-

Sadly, this is a side to St. Petersburg that most foreigners never get to see, either be-



cause they are too rushed or because they are too timid. As a Washington Post correspondent based in Moscow, I visited St. Petersburg many times over the past five years. On each occasion, I would visit some of the obvious tourist sights, like the Hermitage museum or the Peter and Paul Fortress.

For my last trip, I left behind the conventional guidebooks and packed my suitcase with covels and books of poetry. I am glad I did, because I was able to discover an entirely different city, a city that has in many ways changed remarkably little since the days of Dostoyevski and Pushkin.

Various theories have been advanced as to why St. Petersburg should have exercised such a remarkable hold over the minds of so many writers and poets. Built on a swamp by hundreds of thousands of slave laborers and buffeted by frequent floods, it owes its existence to the indomitable will of a tyrannical ruler. Dostoyevski described St. Petersburg as "the most intentional and abstract city in

By building a new capital on the westernmost edge of a vast Asiatic empire. Peter the Great forced his compatriots to take a fresh look at their country. "The emergence of St. Petersburg was similar to the discovery of the New World: It gave pensive men of the time a chance to look upon themselves and the nation as though from outside," writes Joseph Brodsky, a St. Petersburg poet who went on to win the Nobel Prize in Literature. There is oo other place in Russia where thoughts depart so willingly from reality."

The main difficulty in attempting to devise a literary tour of St. Petersburg is the wealth of original material. A thorough exploration of the city of Pushkin or Dostoyevski would take months, possibly years. Entire treatises have been devoted to such questions as whether such-and-such a character from such-and-such a Dostoyevski novel lived on such-and-such a street, or just around the corner. Every other building in the center of the city seems to be adorned with a plaque, testifying to an association with some famous writer.

But one has to begin somewhere — and the obvious starting point is Etienne Falcon-et's statue of Peter the Great on the left bank of the river Neva. Depicting the czar seated upon a rearing steed, his right arm thrust in front of him, it symbolizes the willful con-quest of nature. One of the best-known monuments in St. Petersburg, it has inspired several works of literature, most notably Pushkin's poem "The Bronze Horseman."

Like many St. Petersburg writers, Pushkin had an ambivalent attitude toward the



founder of the city. On the one hand, he recognized Peter as the political and military genius who modernized a backward empire and bequesthed a beautiful city to future generations. "I love thee, masterpiece of Peter / I love thine aspect, graceful and severe," he wrote. "Be splendid, Peter's City, and stand, like Russia, strong / for lo, the very conquered element has made her peace with thee at last."
On the other hand, he also felt for the thousands upon thousands of victims trampled underfoot for the greater glory of czar and country. The Bronze Horseman" tells the story of a penniless clerk, Yevgeni, who loses both his fiancee and his bumble living quarters in the Great Flood of 1824. Yevgeni holds the czar responsible for his loss — he whose fateful will had based the city on the sea" and goes mad in front of the statue. At the end of the poem, he runs through the streets of the city, pursued by the "hammering hoofbeats" of the statue, the symbol of the little man overwhelmed by powerful forces he can bare-

From Senate Square (Decembrists' Square), where Peter's statue is, skirt the city's architectural landmark, the Admiralty, with its glistening golden spire, and head up Nevsky Prospekt.

There is oothing finer than Nevsky Prospekt, not in St. Petersburg at any rate; for in St. Petersburg it is everything," wrote Gogol in a short story named after the city's most celebrated street. "And, indeed, is there anything more gay, more brilliant, more resplen-dent than this beautiful street of our capital? I am sure that not one of her anemic inhabitants, not one of her imnumerable Civil Servants, would exchange Nevsky Prospekt for all the avenues in the world."

The street has lost much of its luster since Gogol's day: Its facades are crumbling from decades of Communist neglect, its stores a shadow of their former selves. But it still boasts oumerous literary associations.

On the right, as you walk up the street from the Admiralty, watch out for the Barrikadnaya Cinema (No. 15), on a corner facing the Moika River. A neoclassical buildin with two-story-high columns, it once housed the Talon restaurant, a favorite gathering place for writers and artists. During the 19th century, the Talon was an obligatory stop on the daily social round: Pushkin's hero. Eugene Onegin, drops into the restaurant on his way to the theater. In the late 18th century, it was the residence of the city's police chief. In Pushkin's day, the nearby bridge over the Moika was called Politseisky (Police) Bridge, and this is the way it is still known to anyone familiar with Russian literature. After the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution, it was renamed Narodny (People's) Bridge.

Almost catty-corner from the Talon res-teurant, at Moika 12, is Pushkin's last apartment in St. Petersburg, now the Pushkin House Museum

This is where the poet was brought on Jan. 27, 1837, after being wounded in a duel with his wife's lover. Here again, life imitated art. In the poet's apartment, you can still see the bullet-holed black waistcoat that Pushkin wore during the duel and a carefully preserved lock of his hair. Two days after the duel, Pushkin died.

After visiting Pushkin's apartment, relax with a canal tour of the city. During the summer, small motorboats can be hired from the mooring post next to the Police Bridge, or a little farther up Nevsky Prospekt on the Griboyedov Canal. (Rentals cost from \$15 to

\$25, depending on how far you want to go).
These boats are one of the best ways to see St. Petersburg — and understand its social makeup. Part of the appeal of the city for writers lies in the close proximity of several very different worlds, demarcated by the various waterways. The aristocratic heart of the city was concentrated in the thin strip of land between the Neva and Moika rivers, which were lined with palaces, embassies and minis-tries. Poor clerks like Pushkin's Yevgeni lived on the islands, on the other side of the Neva. The area around the Griboyedov Canal was a natural breeding ground for desperate, Dostoyevskian characters: a demimonde of students, workers and struggling writers.

HE antipathy between one section of the city and another was reinforced by architecture and urban geography. The symbolist writer Andrei Bely contrasted the harmonious sym-metry of the Neva embankment and Nevsky Prospekt with the disorganized chaos of the islands and other working class districts. In his covel "Petersburg," described by James Joyce as one of the most brilliant works of modern literature, social distinctions are reduced to geometry. "He was cut off from the scum of the streets by four perpendicular walls," wrote Bely, describing the thoughts of the senator, Apollon Apollonovich, as his carriage flies down arrow-straight Nevsky Prospekt. "Apollon Apollonovich did not like the islands: the population there was industrial and coarse. The islands must be crushed! Riveted with the iron of the enormous bridge, skewered by the arrows of the prospects . . .

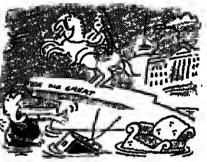
To a large extent, these social and geographic distinctions still hold true today. Had Russia been allowed to develop like a Western country, the streets around the Griboyedov Canal would have been yuppified by now. What was a slum area on the edge of St. Petersburg in Dostoyevski's day would have become prime real estate. But thanks to



the deep-freeze effect of communism, it has retained much of its original character. There are still plenty of poor students, thieves, prostitutes, drunks and aged widows living in the ramshackle communal apartments in the old Haymarket area, many of whom could have wandered straight out of the pages of a Dostoyevski novel.

A good starting point for exploring this part of town is the Kokushkin Bridge, next to the former Haymarket (now called Ploschad Mira, or Square of Peace). Dostoyevski tells us that Raskolnikov stood on the bridge, gazing into its murky waters and pondering his destiny. After killing the pawnbroker with an ax, he briefly considers throwing the murder weapon into the canal, but is dissuaded by the sight of the barges passing by and women doing their laundry. People no longer do their washing in the canal, but there is plenty of activity along the banks: workers munching sandwiches, drunks, strolling lovers.

After the old lady on the fourth floor of Gniboyedova 104 very sensibly refused my request to inspect her rooms. I was given a warm welcome by another old lady on the floor below. The place was almost exactly as Dostoyevski described it: an entrance door beld by a chain, a dark hallway, divided by a thin partition from a tiny kitchen, and two other small rooms. The biggest disappointment was the Haymarket, which is described by Dostoyevski as the focus of the dissolute everyday life of this part of town. You can still find the spot where Raskolnikov bowed down to ask forgiveness, but sadly, most of the square has been ripped apart by Commu-



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Jimmy Hollywood Directed by Barry Levinson.

"Jimmy Hollywood" is the bit-tersweet tale of a would-be actor who can't find any usual way of breaking into movies. The ritle character is Jimmy Alto (Joe Pesci), who at one point has a daydream in which he becomes so famous that friends speak ad-miringly of him in television interviews. "He's a genius in a town that doesn't embrace geniuses," Jimmy imagines one friend telling the cameras. As written and directed by Barry Levinson, "Jimmy Hollywood" tries to celebrate the kind of quirky, real-world bravado that worked so well for "Tin Men" and "Diner." But this ambitious, wildly uneven film takes a confused view of its hero. On the one hand Jimmy is a lovable fool, someone who lists acting

jobs he didn't get when asked about his professional credits. On the other, after fate throws him a chance to fight for the lost glory of Hollywood, he becomes a holy avenger. Dark and unpre-dictable, this isn't the antic comedy it looks like in ads. For all Levinson's efforts to emphasize the buoyant side of his story, what works best about "Jimmy Hollywood" is the sense of utter desperation that colors Jimmy's exploits. Pesci's edgy, abrasive performance is a welcome anti-dote to the film's efforts to seem breezy.

(Janet Maslin, NYT)

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The movie is a perfect vehicle for the Spanish leading lady Car-

and cleverly makes her way through this light comedy. whose title in English is "How to Be Miserable and Enjoy It." The story is based on the popular novel by Carmen Rico Godoy, also the co-writer of the film script. A successful Madrid oewspaper editor around 40 (Maura) suddenly faces early widowhood when her husband dies of a heart attack. The body is barely cold before the other men in her life, from journalists to a top financier, start mancu-vers to become husband number two. Meanwhile, the editor discovers that her daughter has a personal crisis. The protagonist's response to it all is partly the reaction of a savvy, independent woman in any Western capital and partly the result of modern Spain's emphasis on improvisa-tion in life, which affects women and men. The young Basque di-rector Enrique Urbizu lets the bright dialogue dominate while maintaining a crisp rhythm to the action. Humor abounds, especially in the Parisian scenes that highlight the antipathy between the Spanish and the French and in the Madrid apartment-hunting sequences.
(Al Goodman,

D2: The Mighty Ducks Directed by Sam Weisman.

Any movie can inspire merchan-dising tie-ins like T-shirts and

dolls. The 1992 Disney hit "The Mighty Ducks" is the only film io history to have inspired the creation of a hockey team, the Disney-owned Anaheim Mighty Ducks of the National Hockey League. It makes the head spin just to think about professional hockey players wearing their bright green jerseys with the cartoonish team logo inspired by a children's movie: a scowling duck in a goalie's mask with hockey sticks crossed behind him like a kiddie skull-and-crossbones. What makes the head spin even more is the message of the movie's sequel. The point of "D2: The Mighty Ducks" is that commercialism in sports is bad. Emilio Estevez returns as Gordon Bombay, who in the original was a highpowered lawyer arrested for drunken driving and forced to do community service by coach-ing a raging children's team. Of course, he recaptured his boy-hood love of the game. In "D2." when the Ducks travel from Minnesota to Los Angeles to play in the Junior Goodwill Games, Bombay loses his sportsmanlike bearings. The evidence of his distraction is that he beey, with slicked-back hair, desigoer soits and maoy commercial codorsements. Good luck to parents trying to explain this to children while standing in line to buy their

Mighty Ducks hockey shirts.

At Body Shop, Scent of Harmony funeral parlors, initially objected to the name ers churn up tons of creamy banana sham-

By Susan H. Greenberg

ITTLEHAMPTON, England - If it weren't for the faint smell of Peppermint Lotion in the air, you'd think you were at a self-help workshop. "Lighten up . . . dream of harmony . . . relish adventure . . . walk the dog . . . dance with the stars . . . follow your bliss," implores a large sign in the recep-tion area of The Body Shop headquarters in Littlehampton, on England's Sussex coast. (Caryn James, NYT)

For about \$5.25, you can tour the facilities where products like Rice Bran Scrub and Activist Aftershave are conocived, tested and manufactured. At least 100,000 people have made the journey since the factory opened its doors to the public 14 months ago, many returning more than once. Whether they come in support of the company's proclaimed socially responsible practices or for the sample of Pink Grapefruit Bath Gel, such loyalty has helped turn The Body Shop into ooe of the world's most successful green enterprises.

The tour begins in the Trading Post, a Body Shop megastore where we are invited to stock up on everything from Parsley and Mint Face Mask to "What do we think we are?" pins. From there, we board a trolley for the hundred-yard ride to the entrance. A bored-looking tour guide recites well-rehearsed patter about the inanity of animal testing since rabbits doo't wear lipstick anyway. Inside we view a short promotional video that includes footage of the founder, Anita Roddick, protesting something outside the Brazilian Embassy.

We are ushered into a replica of Roddick's first sparse store, opened in Brighton in 1976. At first, she sold only 25 products, but bottled them in a variety of sizes to make the shelves look fuller. To lure customers, she sprayed perfume outside the door. Her orighbors, two

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Walking along the stark corridors, we pass the quality-control lab, where fresh-faced employees in jeans and white lab coats examine water content and viscosity to the thumping beat of rock music. In the productevaluation clinic, new substances are smeared on Body Shop employee volunteers for testing. Ubiquitous signs silently chant The Body Shop mantra: "Reuse, Refill, Re-cycle." "Against Animal Testing" and Trade not Aid."

We stroll on toward research and development, where clear jars of scaweed, aduki beans, Brazil outs and beeswax stand amid the microscopes on gleaming white counters, The halls are lined with photos of Roddick with various people in native dress: grinding millet in Niger, rubbing natural deodorant under her arm in Ghana.

The trolley meets us outside for the short ride to Manufacturing — better known as "Anita's Kitchen" — where enormous mix-

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Morris, of course) is showing "Double Foolscap," a "site-specific" exhibition by Hillary Leone and Jennifer

The Body Shop, but the tenacious Roddick poo. (The Body Shop goes through 5 tons of bananas a mooth, and still basn't found a quick way of peeling them.) In the raw ingredients room, we are invited

to touch blue corn, jojoba beans, cocoa butter

and aloe vera plants. Crates of Philippines coconuts and Sicilian lemons line the shelves. In the purple smell chamber, we choke on dewberry, which, along with white musk, is the company's most popular fragrance.
We drive over to the cavernous warehouse, equivalent in size to "26 tennis courts," we're told. Lifelike figures surfing on bananas or riding Body Shop bottles are suspended from the ceiling. Workers in "Extinct is for-

ever" T-shirts cruise around on forklifts and

trolleys. Towering metal shelves hold cases of products ready for shipment. There are 1,053 Body Shops in 44 countries.
Outside, Body Shop trucks that say "Know the story behind the product" and "Practice random kindness and senseless acts of beauty" are ready for loading. Scat-tered billboards also hammer home the Body Shop philosophy: "If you think you're too

small to be effective, you've never been in bed with a mosquito." It is not a place for the politically incorrect. Employees attend "values meetings," where they discuss what makes the company special to them. They are given four hours' paid leave each month for community service. Day care is available on-site. The in-house phone list is alphabetized by first names. They're Gordon and Anita, not Mr. and Mrs. Roddick or Sir and Madam," says Gavin Grant, the head of

corporate communications. We get our free samples, and are then dumped back at the Trading Post. As far as Anita is concerned, you can never have too much Avocado Body Butter.

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Osterralchischas Museum for Angewandte Kunst, fel: (1) 71136, closed Mondays. To July 17: "Tyranny of Beauty: Architectura of the Stalin Era." Features architectural designs, sketches and models demonstration the utopies force of Stalin onstrating the utopian force of Stalin-ist architectura, as well as posters using the theme of architecture as

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painter who died at age 29.
Tour Japonaise, ret: (2) 741-7211, closed Mondays. To May 15: "Au Temps des Shoguns: Les Arts Decoratifs de l'Epoque Moderne au Ja-pon." Features more than 100 works, including ceramics, textiles, lacquer-work and weapons from the Kinsel period. The exhibits, from the National Museum in Tokyo, date from the mid-16th century to the 1850s.

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Edinburgh Royal Museum of Scotland, tel: (31) 225-7534, open daily. To May 29: "Ars Medica: Art, Medicine and the Human Condition." Prints, drawings and photographs telling the rela-tionship between the history of man, medicine and visual arts. Included are works by Lucas van Leyden, Durer, Rembrandt, Hogarth, Munch and

Glasgow Hunterian Art Gallery, lel: (41) 330-5431, closed Sundays. To April 23: "Tha Italian Renaissance Print." Through the medium of prints the masterpieces of Renaissance paint-ings were spread across Europe. The exhibition features works by Manle-gna, Raimondi and Annibale Carraci.

London Hayward Gallery, tel: (71) 928-3002, open daily. Continuing/To May 29: "Salvador Dell: The Early May 29: "Salvador Dell: The Early Years." 50 paintings, 50 drawings and photographs reflecting Dell'a variety of styles, from neo-Impression-ism to Symbolism and Cubism.

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Royal Academy of Arts, tel: (71)
439-7438, open dally. Continuing/To June 12: "Goya: Truth and
Fantasy." Features small-scale paintings including the surviving oil paintings produced by Goya for the Spanish Royal Tapestry Factory, sketches for some of his religious works, and many portraits.

many portraits.

South Bank Centre, Iel: (71) 928-8800. April 26 to May 18: "Berio: Fienderings." A festival celebrating the contemporary italian composer Luciano Berio. Features concerts conducted by Berio, including "Rendering." Itis re-working of Schubert's 10th Symphony, and a U. K. premiere of his surreal opera "La Vera Stona." Also includes a performance of "Sin-Also includes a performance of "Sin-fonia," written especially for the Swingle Singers.

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285-2000, closed Mondays. Continulng/To May 15: "Flora Photographica: The Flower in Photography,
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technique as well as symbolism and allegory.

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Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, 18: 4219-0719, open daily. Continu-19/10 June 26: "Aratjara: Aborigi-nal Art." Works on bark, canvas and Humleback wood by modern Aborginal artists in which the close connection to nature and landscape of the original Australian civilization prevails.

FRANCE

Bibliothèque Nationale, tel: 47-03-81-10, open daily. To June 26: "Pay-sages, Paysans: L'An et la Terre en Europe du Moyen Age au XXe Siè-Peasantry in art and Intarature

from the Middle Ages. Features illuminated books, paintings by Brue-ghel, Dorer, Watteau, Oudry and Milet, and manuscripts by Victor Hugo, Balzac and Zola.

Centra Georges Pompidou, Continuing/To May 9: "La Ville: Art et Architecture en Europe 1870-1993." Paintings, drawings and photographs show how the European towns of today were perceived, Idealized and element by exchiterts, and artists. planned by architects and artists from the end of the 19th century to

Grand Palais, tel: 44-13-17-30. closed Tuesdays. Continuing/To June 13: "Le Soleil et l'Étoile du Nord: La France et la Suede au 18e Siecle, "Paintings, sculptures, art ob-jects and architectural designs show-ing cultural axchanges between France and Sweden under the aegis of King Gustav III in his efforts to mulate the Court of Versailles. Mona Bismarck Foundation, tel: 47-

23-38-88, closed Sundays and Mon-days, To April 23: "L'Art des Pauples Italiques, 3000 a 300 avant J. C."

Sliberschatze." Gold halmets, swords and silver treasures repre-8,000 years of Romanian art. Munich

JAPAN

Amsterdam

Stockholm

Museum of Modern Art. Saitama

iel: (48) 824-0111, closed Mondays. To May 5: "Tha Victoria & Albert Museum: British Design at Home."

Museum: British Design at Home."
Drawings, furniture, wallpaper, post-

ers and industrial designs tracing the trends in British design from the lata

Amsterdam
Museum het Rembrandthuis, tel:
(20) 624-9486, open dally, Continuing/To May 29: "Color and Refinement: Drawings from the Unicomo
Collection," 80 drawings by Dutch
masters of the 17th and 18th centu-

ries, including Bloemaert, Dusart, van de Velde, Pronk and Troost, The

subjects includa biblical scenes,

landscapes, portraits, animals and

Het Muziek Theater, tel: (20) 551-8282. Peter Schat's "Symposion," an opera about the death of Tchai-kovsky will be directed by lan Strasto-

gel and conducted by Hans Vonk, with Dale Duesing, Thomas Randle

and Harry Peeters. April 29 (world premiere), May 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 19

Kulturhuset, tel: (8) 24-23-22, open daily. To Aug. 28: "Leonardo de Vin-cl." In addition to models, drawings,

racsimiles, manuscripts and pelmings, including "Lady with an Ermine," a number of multimedia kiosks enabla the visitor to delve into

Renaissance thinking, the life of Leo-nardo and the versatility of the man.

Musée de L'Elysée, tel: (21) 817-48-21, closed Mondays. To May 29: "La Main de L'Homme." A display of

photographs by Sebastiao Salgado

on the conditions of manual workers

Fondation Pierre Glanadda, tel: (26) 22-39-78, open daily. To Juna 12: "Dessins et Aquarelles des Col-

lections Suisses et du Musée Rodin." Features a lesser-known aspect of the French sculptor's creation with

we rench sculptor's creation with 66 drawings, sketches, prints and watercolors. Twelve monumental sculptures are simultaneously exhib-ited in the garden of the foundation.

Zuntan
Kunsthaus, tel: (1) 251-6755.
closed Mondays. Continuing/To
May 8: "Richard Gerstl: Das Gesamtwerk." The works of the Austrian Expressionist painter Richard
Gerstl (1883-1908). The exhibition
features landscapes, life-size por-

traits, including a portrait of Arnold Schoenberg and his wifa, and self-

High Museum of Art, tel: (404) 898-9284. To May 29: "Italian and Neth-erlandish Drawings from the Steiner

Collection." A group of 85 drawings, dating from the 16th to the 18th cen-

tury, and including works by Titian and Bronzino, Rembrandt, Parmigia-

Tha Art Institute, Ial: (312) 443-3600, open dally. To April 24: 'Thinking is Form: The Drawings of Joseph Beuys." 180 works spanning five decades of the artist's career and

representing the core of his creative output. The pieces encompass a variety of media: pencil, watercolor, oil, blood, beeswax, chocolate and dried plants, and reveal the artist's diverse

sources including alchemy, Christian tradition, mythology, literature and

Museum of Modern Art, tel: (212)

Natissum of Modern Art, 181: (212) 708-9400, closed Wednesdays. To May 17: "Three Masters of the Bau-haus: Lyonel Feininger, Vasily Kan-dinsky and Paul Klee." Printed work

tion of Gutenberg's press. Also docu-ments the geographical spread of

movable type and the change from manuscript to printed-book format.

70 paintings, watercolors and draw-ings by the Austrian Expressionist.

The exhibition includes portraits,

landscapes and still lifes and his only

major sculpture, "Self-Portrait."

nino and Tiepolo among others.

UNITED STATES

SWITZERLAND

19th century to the present.

THE NETHERLANDS

Kunsthalia Der Hypo-Kulturstiftung, fel: (89) 22-44-12, open daily. To April 24: "Bonnard." 140 oil paintings, one screen and seven sculptures including interior scenes, views from the artist's house in Le Canet in Southern France, still lifes, nudes and

ITALY

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Maggio Musicale Fromitalo, 16: (55) 211-158. April 26 to July 1: Features operas, including Strauss's "Salome," conducted by Zubin Menta, ballet performances, an evening of Japanese opera directed by Robert Wilson, and symphony con-Internazionale dell'Antiquario, tel:

(2) 77181. April 9 to 17: Antique dealers from Italy and abroad will sell-



Silver and gold ornament from Romania (in Frankfurt).

jects, weapons, jewels and statuentes that were part of the daily life of the peoples living in Italy before the Musée des Arts Décoratifs, tel: 42-

60-32-14, closed Tuesdays. Contin-uing/To April 30: "La Fatence de Deft." 200 tin-glazed earthenware plates, dishes, vases and decorative objects manufactured in the Dutch objects manufactured in the Dutch city of Delft in the 18th century.

Musée du Louvre, tel: 40-20-51-51, closed Tuesdays. To May 2: "La Chimera de Monsieur Desprez." 65 prints, drawings and designs by 18th-century artist Louis-Jean Desprez, representing theatrical scenes and eightmarish visions.

GERMANY

Amerika Heus Bertin, tel: (030) 211-07-59 To March 18: "Lewis Beltz: Rula Without Exception." A retrospective of the work of the American documentarist, including photo-graphs of tract houses at the foot of the Rocky Mountains, the wastelands near San Francisco Bay and innercity parking lots.

Features terra-cotta and bronze ob- paintings, sculpture, silverware and jewelry, furniture, carpets and tapes-tries. At the same time, Sforze Castia will exhibit its collection of decorative

> Villa Medici, tel: (6) 678-11, closed Mondays. To May 1: "From Elegance to Transgression." 56 portraits paint-ed in the 20s by Tamara de Lempicka who came to Paris after fleeing Bol-shevik Russia and studied with Maurice Denis and Andre Lhote.

> Galleria Civica d'Arte Moderna e Gairera Civica o Arte Moderna e Contemporanea, tel: (011) 5765-3740, closed Mondays. To May 8: "Federico Peliti: Un Fotografo Pie-montese in India al Tempo della Regina Vittoria." Photographs of India by this 19th-century Italian artisan.

Palazzo Grassi, tel: (41) 522-1375, open daily. To Nov. 6: "Rinasci-mento: Da Brunelleschi a Michelan-gelo – La Rappresentazione dell' gero — La respirese lezzone dell' Architettura." Following the restora-tion of Antonio da Sangallo's 1539 wood model of the Bestlica di San Pietro, the exhibit brings together all the major specialists in the field, from mann and Frommel to Bruschi Schim Kunsthalle, tel: (069) 29-98-82-0, open daily. Continuing/To April 17: "Goldheim, Schwert und Ackermann and Frommel to Brusch and Da Seta, and features 30 archi-tectural models built during the 15th and 16th centuries. tectural models built during the 15th



Photograph by Sebastião Salgado, in Lausanne show.

For Insomniacs, Madrid After Dark

By Alan Riding New York Times Service

ADRID - Athens and Rome are far older, Paris and Prague are more beautiful, but what European capital can match the voluble, gregarious and insomniac in-habitants of Madrid? Not that the city lacks fine monuments and museums. Yet, some-how, it is the Madrilenos who provide the real show. They live their city like no other. They seem incapable of staying at home, they love to rub shoulders in crowds, they talk, eat and drink well into the night, they ramble through streets before dawn and, well, they never seem to sleep.

So it takes a special energy to get to know Madrid. And, because its streets are noisy, polluted and clogged with traffic on weekdays, the weekend is the best time to do so. The city has 5 million inhabitants and sprawls far and wide, but much of it can be ignored. What entices is the old city with the grand Plaza Mayor at its heart, the Madrid de los Austrias, as it is known in honor of the Habsburg kings who built it in the late 16th and 17th centuries. This is where the Madrileños like to hang out.

l am talking of a 3-square-mile (7.7-square-kilometer) area that stretches from the Royal Palace to the broad avenue where the Prado Museum stands, from the Gran Via to the Puerta de Toledo and the narrow streets that run through the Lavapies district toward the Atocha railroad station. And it is in this Madrid that a mind-boggling concentration of tapas bars, tabernas, restaurants, dance halls and nightclubs switches on the city by night.

The Piaza Mayor is the city's architectural jewel and it acts as a magnet for Madrileños. Yet it is a measure of Madrid's relative youth that the vast square dates only from 1619. A half-century earlier, Philip II moved the court to what was then a small town while he built the monastery at El Escorial, 30 miles (50 kilometers) to the west. But it was only in the 17th century that Madrid became Spain's capital. And that is when Philip III set about building Madrid de los Austrias, starting with the Plaza Mayor, where he now sits, an equestrian statue, watching the tourists go by.

Vehicles are banned from the square, which can be reached through any of nine arches. Painted in terra-cotta, the only break in its symmetry is the old Royal Bread House, now decorated with bucolic frescoes. Areades, crowded oo Sunday mornings with stalls sell-ing stamps, old coins and odd documents, run around the square. Cafes and restaurants oc-cupy the periphery of the square.

A noisier gathering place for Madrileños (and immigrants) is the Puerta del Sol, a plaza with neoclassical buildings that is considered the center of Madrid - that is, all distances from the city are measured from a plaque on the sidewalk in front of the regional govern-ment offices. Along Calle Alcala leading off the plaza, however, is the San Fernando Royal Academy of Fine Arts, which has works by many Spanish masters and complements the

Prado's larger collection. Also a stone's throw from the Puerta del Sol is the 16th-century Convent of the Descalzas Reales, which is now both a museum of primitive religious art and a national monument in its own right.
Just down Calle Arenal stands the 19th-century Royal Opera House, which has been under-

going years of renovation.

Behind the opera house stand the gardens of the Plaza de Oriente, which look out toward the 18th-century Royal Palace and the 20th-century Almudena Cathedral, both just outside the Madrid de los Austrias, as is the nearby church of San Francisco el Grande. Built by the Bourbon kings but no longer the royal residence, the palace is worth a visit for its collection of arms and armor and its resplendent Banqueting Hall and Throne

The Calle Mayor leads back to the center through the oldest part of the city. The Plaza

The old city is a mind-boggling concentration of tapas bars, tabernas, restaurants, dance halls and clubs.

de la Villa, which includes the 17th-century City Hall and the Lujan Tower, a remnant of 15th-century Madrid, is one of my favorite respites from an overactive city. Beyond the plaza, there are three churches worth peeping into - San Mignel, San Pedro and San Isidro, the last of these containing the relics of Madrid's patroo saint. And it is at the Church of San Isidro that the quiet of a Sunday morning ends abruptly in the city's busy Sunday flea market. Known as El Rastro, it is jammed with stalls of clothes, leather goods, jewelry and handicrafts.
No trip to Madrid is complete without a

visit to the city's "golden triangle" of museums, which, strictly speaking, are outside Habsburg Madrid — but only just. A visit to the Prado, with its collection of paintings by Velázquez, Goya, El Greco, Murillo, Ribera, Zurbarán and Rubens, is a memorable experience for any art lover, but so is the Thyssen-Bornemisza collection, with works from Italian primitives to 1960s Pop Art, which since its installation in 1992 has a permanent home in the neoclassical Palacio de Villahermosa. Finally, Spanish modern and contemporary art, including Picasso's "Guernica," has recently been brought together in the Reina Sofia Art Center,

Exhausted? Well, before changing gear for Madrid's night life, a thought: The siesta may not have been invented for tourists, but it is an essential instrument of survival in a city where people meet for dinner at 10 P. M., where shows begin at midnight and where many nightclubs and bars stay open until 4 A.M. or later, Thus revived, where better to start than the beer halls and tapas bars around the Plaza de Santa Ana? With spring in the air, crowds now spill out of the Cerveceria Alemana and the Cerveceria Santa Ana; nearby, on the Manuel F. González

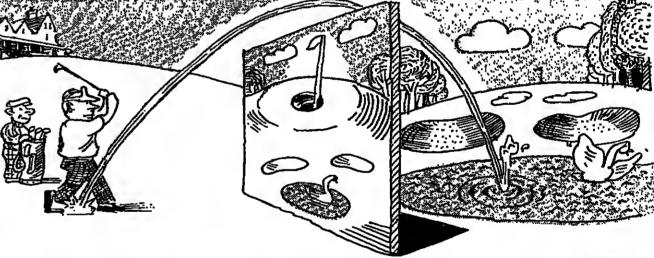
passageway, don't miss the splendid Viva Madrid! bar, with its turn-of-the-century tiles and carved wooden ceiling. Off the square in the Plaza del Angel, the Cafe Central is also very popular.

The practice of stopping for tapas and a caña (a glass of draft beer) before dinner is very much an institution and, in truth, some people never move on, making do with fried squid or meatballs or ham or blood sausage or whatever takes their fancy. For dinner, though, the choice is enormous. On this latest visit, I discovered La Basilica, a restaurant tucked away on the Calle de la Bolsa, that is, as its name suggests, a former church. Indeed, at one time it was the chapel where those condemned to death could say a final prayer before being marched along an un-derground passage to the Plaza Mayor. At different times it also served as Madrid's first stock exchange, as a Masonic lodge and as a warehouse. Now restored, it offers good Spanish cuisine — its specialty is fish and seafood — in truly grand surroundings for around \$150 for two with wine.

Throughout the old town are all types of restaurants, elegant and simple, pricey and reasonable. Two people can dine well for \$150 or for \$50 — or for a lot less if you opt for tapas, oo doubt one reason you have to elbow your way to the counter in many tapas bars. In the expensive range one favorite of mine is Julián de Tolosa, a oew restaurant on the Calle Cava Baja that combines the tradi-tional delicacies of the Basque country with some typical dishes from Navarre, such as pork ribs, blood sausages, kidney beans and

N the Cava Baja, I could not resist stopping for a sherry in a tiny Andalusian bar called La Solea; in a room beyond the bar, there is always someone playing and singing flamenco to homesick Andalusians. This is not the foot-stamping, skirt-swirling kind of flamenco of tourist shows, but the solemn cante bondo of broken hearts. Later I went to Casa Patas at 10 Calle Cañizares where, for the \$5 price of a drink, I heard a more professional flamenco show, also with only a guitarist and a singer. Frequent cries of "Ole!" from the mainly Spanish audience assured me this was the real thing.

As the night advances, there is the choice of slowing down — the Bar Las Descalzas on the Plaza de las Descalzas Reales has quiet music and soft armchairs - or speeding up: El Morocco at 7 Calle Marques de Leganes is a disco that draws the hot names of Madrid's movie and fashion world, Students seem to favor the smoke-filled tabernas tucked into the basements of the Plaza Mayor along Calle de Cuchilleros, where student minstrels known as tunas perform. For the all-night crowd, though, there is Calle Huertas, empty and scruffy by day but almost impossible to walk down at 2 A. M. because of the crowds going in and out of dozens of bars and clubs. Some, like Populart and the Otoño Club, have live music; others, like 47, combine bars and discos; none looked empty.



Exclusive! Golf Course Secrets

By Robert K. McCabe

ARIS — Years ago a Scottish cad-die named Lang Willie, trying but failing to distill the mysteries of golf for a respected but excitable university professor at St. Andrews, lost his temper at last. "Now hear, Professor," said Lang Willie, "teaching the lads at the college Latin and Greek is easy work, but when ye come to play golf, ye maun bae a heid."

Now a head for golf is not an easy thing to acquire, as that professor and many others have found, but it is absolutely essential if one is to play this royal and ancient game well. It is one thing to bang and blast one's way round a course, damning one's clubs and any poor wee caddie who happens to be within earshot but it is quite another to consider a course as an intricate manmade puzzle that with patience and brains can be sorted out neatly by reading the hazards of greens and fairways. Ulcers to the first; uncommon satisfaction to the second.

Who set those traps? One of the bestknown golf architects in the world, a brighteyed, energetic American named Robert Trent Jones Jr. He is the 54-year-old son of a famed pioneer course-designer, and father and son are held in high respect — though not necessarily deep affection — by golfers round the world who've been flummoxed and bamboozled by his elegantly exasperating creations. Jones's courses brighten landscapes from the United States and Europe to Moscow, Shanghai and Indonesia and some most surprising spots in between. (But it should be noted here that the family is no kin to the late Bobby Jones, one of golf's all-time great players and a family friend. The younger Junes remembers thinking of Bobby and his father as "the only two Welshmen in the world who can't sing.")

dinsky and Paul Klee." Printed work by three masters who taught at the Bauhaus during the 1920s, including Kandinsky'a print portfolio "Small World," some of Klee's color lithographs, and Feininger's woodcurs. Tha Pierpont Morgan Library, tel: (212) 685-0008, closed Mondays. To April 17: "Gutenberg and the Genesis of Printing." Features three Gutenberg Bibles and a reconstruction of Gutenberg's press, Also docu-He is a rough man to pin down, this high-energy, far-ranging Californian-by-way-of-New-Jersey, but the other day he paused in Paris en route from Lisbon and the Portuguese Open to the opening of a new Jones course near Bangkok to talk about his latest project. It's a book — "my first and my last," he says — called "Golf by Design," which National Gallery of Art, tel: (202) 842-6353, open daily. To May 8: "Egon Schiele." A retrospective of decodes the mysteries of many of the world's great courses and offers ideas on coping with their assorted physical and psychological hazards. Is he emptying all his secrets out of his golf bag? Well, quite a few -perhaps not all. But he is completely open about his

"Golf is a game of attack and defense, like all games," he says, "and as an architect, I am the defender." His defenses stud all those lovely long fairways with their ball-devouring rough, those jade-like greens protected by crocodile-toothed bunkers. Those hazards are not there by happenstance but by malicious design, as golfers learn to their

To challenge if not necessarily enrage golf-ers, course architects long have used tradi-

Players round the world have been flummoxed by the exasperating creations of Robert Trent Jones Jr.

tional sand traps and bunkers. Nowadays, sophisticates like Jones deal heavily in illusion as well, manipulating light and shadow and using even the prevailing winds to hide a hole's horrors from the unwary or to tempt rash shotmakers into trying to power past unforgiving rough or through implacable

"Golfers shouldn't go by what their eyes tell them," he says. Distances can be deceptive, targets can be concealed. There's always plenty of hard information available, he reminds us, and a good caddy's deep knowl-edge of the course can be invaluable. But still more important is simple foresight.

"All the great golfers have game plans," Jones says. Before a tournament begins, stars like Jack Nicklaus, Bernhard Langer and Nick Faldo pace off the courses themselves, taking meticulous oote of distance and hazards. Golf after all is a matter of finding the right way to the pin; Jones's job is to make that path as hard to find as

possible.
"I am the general under siege," he says. "I use moats and towers for my defenses. If someone invents gunpowder to replace bows and arrows, I have to find oew defenses."

He takes his time planning those defenses, pacing for days or weeks over the chosen terrain before turning the bulldozers loose.
"I listen to the land," he says. "I call myself a
nature architect. I don't add to a course what isn't there. You study the land and winds and the temperatures and the surroundings and a theme will appear."

A theme? Sand, salt brush and gales for a seaside links, say, or deep woods for the new Moscow course, where in summer you can play almost all night. Or Mediterranean-like light and shadow and curves for Perth on Australia's west coast.

Sometimes there's local psychology to consider as well. In Asia, where Jones has designed more than 40 courses, there's less emphasis on challenging the golfer, more effort to make the game a simple pleasure. Speaking of his new Bangkok course, the President Country Club, he notes its bunkers are gentle and its fairways generous. "Players in the Far East are generally beginners," he says. "They like to have fun; hitting the ball, finding it and hitting it again."

In China and Japan, in particular, Asian preoccupation with "face" or self-esteem comes into play. One mustn't embarrass an Oriental golfer. "The Japanese want a friendly course," be says, one with wide fairways, shallow traps and welcoming greens. He is convinced the game has a great future in Asia. "Golf suits Asians," he points out. "It does not demand great strength, and it rewards braininess and precision.

He is a smidgen less enthusiastic about golf in France, remembering that the "90s have seen a falling off in Gallic enthusiasm after a boutiquey boom in the '80. "With its great natural beauty and varied terrain," he says, "the country is a natural for golf, and the real golfers will stick around." Meanwhile, there are golf courses for sale all over France.

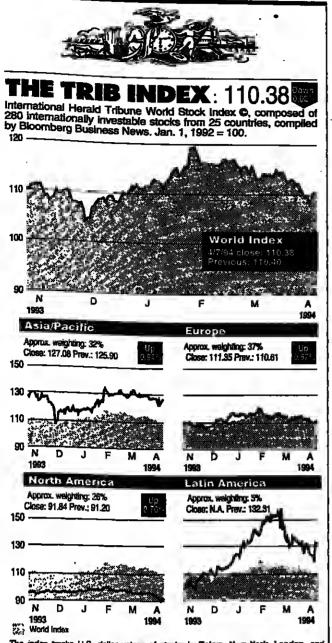
How about Russia? His Moscow project has been long on the road but now there is real progress, just 18 miles (30 kilometers) from Red Square. "We've got nine holes in play there now," he says, "and the second nine will be open by Sept. 1." There were some major hazards to overcome, he recalls: "The Russians are obsessed by security and for a long time refused us accurate maps of the terrain.

And speaking of secretiveness, does "Golf by Design" (Little, Brown and Co., Boston and London) really give away all his tricks of the trade?

"I still have a few up my sleeve," he said, reluctantly. "And even if I give you all the secrets, you're the one who still has to play il" For most of the world's golfers, that's the most terrifying hazard of all.

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Finance	115.42	114.28	+1.00	Consumer Goods	96.48	96.56	-0.08
Services	116.55	115.91	+0.55	Miscelleneous	125.56	125.36	+0.16

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Olivetti Loss **Narrows**

Revenue Increase Shores Up Result

Bloomberg Business News MILAN - Olivetti SpA, the Italian computer company, said Thurs-day its net loss narrowed in 1993 because it cut costs and increased its share of a depressed European computer market

"Despite the serious crisis in the world information-technology industry and a severe economic recession, in 1993 Olivetti returned to growth and higher market shares," said Carlo De Benedetti, the company's chairman.

Olivetti said its net loss was cut to 464.6 billion lire (\$280 million) from 650 billion lire in 1992. It was the third straight year of losses, bringing the total losses for the period to more than 1.5 trillion lire.

The 1993 loss included a one-time charge of 255 billion lire to cover job eliminations. Revenue rose 7 percent, to 8.61 trillion lire, breaking a two-year decline. The company said prices for its products continued to fall in 1993

as a price war in European computers persisted. But unit sales rose and operating costs fell 6 percent as Ofivetti reduced its staff and simplified magement structures. The company said its European market share in personal comput-

ers rose to 6.5 percent from 6.2 percent, in notebook computers to 6.0 percent from 4.0 percent and in ink-jet printers to 6.2 percent from 5.5 percent, Olivetti said the growth trend was continuing so far this year.

The roughly 30 percent decline of the lira against most major currencies last year did not benefit the company because any competitive gain was wiped out by higher costs for imported components, it said.

The company's net debt fell to 797.9 billion lire from 960.5 billion

lire, cut by a 903 billion-lira share issne last year.

Obvetti also said it would ask stockholders to approve the issue of 250 million new shares to be reserved for a convertible bond that will be issued within the next few months.

Rising Rates: So What? U.S. Economists Say Growth Is Sturdy

By Steven Pearlstein and Clay Chandler

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON —The recent turmoil on Wall Street reflects the simple fact that interest rates in the United States are rising rather than falling for the first time in nearly a decade, forcing specula-tors and investors to take another look at the assumptions upon which they had made their financial bets.

But the consensus among economists is that the rise in rates will not choke off the current expansion, because the American economy now is strong

enough to overcome it.

"Near term, these higher interest rates and market gyrations are scary for everyone," said Allen Sinai, chief economist for Lehman Brothers Inc. But in point of fact, the amount of damage to the economy should not be great."

"The rate of growth in the economy is determined by a number of factors, including incomes, exports, jobs," said Gordon Richards, chief economist of the National Association of Manufacturers. "And right now, those factors are providing

the economy with enough momentum."

This calm in the face of rising rates may seem at odds with recent economic history. Last year, after all, falling interest rates were widely credited with getting the economy out of low gear. Would a rise in rates now have the opposite effect?

Not exactly, say economists. How much a rise in interest rates will burt the economy depends in large part on what is causing rates to rise. In this case, the cause is likely to be benign. If interest rates are rising because investors see

signs that the economy is growing too rapidly, then a rise in rates is a symptom of strength. It means that the economy has plenty of momentum and that it is taking steps on its own to slow down and avoid triggering an inflationary spiral.

If, on the other hand, rates are rising because investors have overreacted in some way—either to

signals coming from the Federal Reserve Board or to speculative excesses of some traders - then rates are likely to come back down in the next few

months as this realization sinks in. Many economonths as this realization sinks in. Many economists now expect that long-term rates will drop below 7 percent by autumn, which would be about half a percentage point below this week's peak.

Economists also stress that the direct relation-

ship between interest rates and economic activity is often overstated, even in such rate-sensitive segments of the economy as housing, business investment and major consumer purchases such as

In the housing sector, Lyle Gramley, consulting economist for the Mortgage Bankers Association

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and a former Fed governor, said potential buyers could look at mortgage interest rates in either of two ways: that rates are higher than at any time in the last 15 months, or that, even at 8 percent, they are still near their lowest point in the last 20 years.

"The average individual will take the long-term view, particularly if he is feeling confident about his interest." Mr. Grand with a still a stil

job and his income," Mr. Gramley said. "Rising rates may slow things down a bit, but at these levels they certainly won't kill the bousing recovery. In the short term, in fact, rising rates could give a

quick boost to the housing market, according to Barry Bosworth, an economist at the Brookings Institution, by encouraging people who had been planning to buy a house later in the year to move now, before rates rise again.
As for investment, spending by American busi-

nesses on new equipment rose 11.8 percent last year, but most of it seemed to have little to do with low interest rates. In most cases, rising profits have

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Daimler-Benz Sets Rights Issue **And Cuts Payout**

its dividend on 1993 earnings to 8 Deutsche marks from 13 DM a year earlier and would launch a rights issue to finance expansion. The 38 percent cut in the dividend was bigger than expected by analysts, and Daimler's stock price fell 4.10 DM to 868.40 DM. It had fallen as low as 865 DM after the

news was released. Daimler, the biggest German industrial company said, the dividend reduction reflected the difficult business conditions experienced during 1993 and caused by the worldwide recession, as well as high one-time restructuring costs for work force reductions.

Edzard Reuter, chairman of the management board, said recently that the company's net profit had plunged to around 600 million Deutsche marks (\$350 million) in 1993 from 1.45 billion DM a year

The company, which owns Mercedes-Benz AG, AEG AG, and Deutsche Aerospace AG, plans to chop 50,000 jobs from the total work force of around 373,000 it employed in mid-1993.

Daimler confirmed it would launch a rights issue, giving share-holders the right to subscribe for new shares at a discount sometime this year, but it did not give details. It said the issue was needed to support the company's growth.

Reuters Gerhard Liener, the chief finan-BONN — Daimler-Benz AG cial officer, has said Daimler would said Thursday that it would slash like to make an issue of shares worth 2 billion to 3 billion DML

Hans-Joachim Pilz, chief analyst at M. M. Warburg in Hamburg, said he thought that Daimler would proceed with the issue as early as this month or in May. Most analysts had expected a div-idend of 10 DM. "Their 600 million

Dresdner Bank plans higher payout. Page 13.

mark net profit would have been enough even to pay an unchanged dividend," said Mr. Pilz. "It reflects a terrible operating performance. Almost all their businesses except cars are deep in the red."

A London analyst said the move would disappoint U.S. investors. In October, Daimler became the first German company to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Analysts pointed out, however, that with Daimler's performance likely to improve strongly in 1994, a higher dividend was in prospect.

Despite the net profit of 600 million DM, which was bolstered by heavy drawing on reserves, the com-pany is likely to show a loss of 1 billion to 2.5 billion DM under U.S. accounting rules, which do not allow the use of reserves.

Daimler will detail its 1993 earnings next Tuesday,

Waking Up From Information Highway Dreams

By Paul Farhi and Sandra Sugawara Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The reality of the information superhighway is meeting up with the rhetoric.

The recent collapses of three highprofile business deals are the most tangible signs that futuristic new communications services will not arrive in your living room for many creating the much-talked-about na-

years, despite assurances given by industry and government officials as recently as a few months ago.

"A lot of people are coming to realize it's going to be a lot more complicated than we had thought," said Dwight Allen, a Washington-based telecommunications special-ist with Deloitte & Touche, the accounting and consulting firm.

Companies are discovering that tional communications system is laden with problems in funding, regulations and technology, ac-cording to people both inside and outside the businesses that are try ing to build it.

None of them are suggesting that the information superhighway will

grossly overstated. Some executives, such as Steve Effros, the bead of a cable-television trade association in Fairfax, Virginia, now refer to the phenomenon as the "infor-

mation superhypeway."

Industry analysts, such as Richard Shaffer of the New York-based consulting firm Technologic Partners, say setbacks should have been foreseen, given the enormousness of the task. Considering that it took 70 years to get just half of the United States wired for telephone service, the information superhighway's architects are mov ly, Mr. Shaffer said.

Building a 21st-century communot get built, just that early predic- daunting, some point out, in view

ity fiber-optic line capable of carrying enormous amounts of sound, data, fax and video signals.

In addition, there are numerous other costs: converting a single movie to the digital format required for transmission over the network costs about \$100,000, said Gary Arlen, a multimedia consultant in Bethesda, Maryland.

More troublesome, many phone company executives said, is that some of the key pieces of hardware, such as computers that would deliver thousands of movies on demand, have yet to be perfected. nications system should be just as Software company spokesman said daunting, some point out, in view marketing executives sometimes

tions of its quick completion were of estimates that it would cost as made unrealistic assumptions much as \$200 billion to wire all the homes in America with high-capac-software could be written.

Complicating the planning for its builders is that few companies seem to agree on what an information superhighway would consist of and which of its services will be embraced by consumers. No one has tested the market for services such as video on demand among more than a few hundred households.

Recent news about the superhighway offers abundant evidence of the slowdown:

cations Inc. promised in late 1992 that it would begin installing special boxes by this spring that ultimately

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Thinking Ahead /Commentary

Beijing Raises the Stakes Too High

By Reginald Dale
International Herald Tribure ASHINGTON - China has decided to call America's bluff in the high-risk poker game over trade and human rights and then raise the stakes some more. But now

China may be bluffing too. By re-arresting the country's most prominent dissident, Wei Jingsheng, China is telling President Bill Clinton it does not believe be will dare slap punitive tariffs on Chinese exports by withdrawing most-favored-nation

But China is also piling a fistful of new chips on the table. The game is no longer just a test of nerves over Mr. Clinton's threat to suspend the special status unless China sigmificantly improves its human rights record China is now inviting the rest of the world to join in. Beijing is gambling with its entire international trading status, which means the

future of its economic reforms too. Beijing is warning that if too high a price is put on its hid to join the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, China will drastically slash imports and produce what it needs at home - with the benefit, it hopes, of foreign investment. "The bottom line is equal treat-

ment," said a Chinese official. If that is really official policy, it is prepos-terous. There is no way GATT can accord equal treatment to a country the size of China, where the government still plans large sectors of the economy and interferes massively in the conduct of trade.

GATT has every right, and duty, to impose suff conditions on Chinese entry, including special safeguards for the other members. It will do China no good to peevishly turn

tail and go home. The kind of import substi-tution regime that the Chinese official is proposing is a recipe for economic disaster. As the World Bank notes in the opening sentence of a major new report on Chinese trade, "Since the launching of the reform program in 1979, the promotion of external trade has been central to China's efforts to

modernize its economy. China, in fact, should be heading in pre-cisely the opposite direction to that which it is

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threatening. Indeed, that is the central theme of the World Bank report, which calls for urgent steps to open up the country to imports — not least for China's own sake.

Although trade is less planned than it was,

more than half of China's imports are still subject to controls, as are 15 percent of its exports and over 50 percent of its foreign

exchange earnings.

The World Bank quite rightly urges China to remove these controls and introduce currency convertibility. With its current account surplus, plenty of foreign exchange reserves and price reforms well advanced, now is a

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good time for China to take the plunge. Liberalizing imports would take some of the heat out of the economy and shake up China's inefficient state-owned enterprises. It would smooth China's way into GATT, which is in everyone's best interests, and defuse tensions with major trading partners,

including the United States. Unfortunately, the poker game over hu-man rights is distracting attention from this and other key areas of relations between the United States and China.

The problem is that the Chinese are making it increasingly difficult for Mr. Clinton to get off the most-favored-nation hook — which he would clearly love to do — and it is largely his own fault.

As James R. Lilley points out in the new book "Beyond MFN," published by the American Enterprise Institute, the Chinese have surely been encouraged to challenge Mr. Clinton by the way he consistently folds when foreigners stand up to him — be they Haitian hoodlums or Somali warlords.

But China now risks going too far. If Mr. Chinton is forced to suspend the preferential treatment, the World Bank estimates the cost to China would be between \$7 billion and

\$15.2 billion a year in lost exports.

Instead of raising the stakes, China should be trying to let Mr. Clinton leave the table with some of his chips in his pocket.

Mr. Clinton should understand that the best course is to integrate China into the world trading system. That will both be good for American business and help to create a prosperous, educated Chinese middle class. All Asian experience suggests that this, not five-card-stud diplomacy, is the best way to improve human rights.

April 7

INFORMATION FOR RHÔNE-POULENC SHAREHOLDERS

Notice of Rhône-Poulenc S.A.'s General Shareholders meeting

Rhône-Poulenc shareholders are invited to attend the mixed General Shareholders Meeting which will take place on Tuesday, April 12, 1994 at 10:00 am, at its headquarters, 25 quai Paul Doumer, Courbevoie, France. In case the quorum is not satisfied the Meeting will reconvene on Friday, April 22, 1994 at 9:30 at CNIT - La Défense - Amphithéâtre Léonard de Vinci, RER or Métro "Grande Arche", Parking CNIT, exit Défense 6 or Parking Central, exit Défense 4.

TO ATTEND AND/OR VOTE AT THE MEETINGS

If you are a shareholder, you have to immobilise your ahares at least five days before the Meetings by notifying the institution where your sbares are held about your intention to attend or vote. You should aak for a certificate of restriction and send it to:

Société Générale, Service Assemblées, BP 1135. 44024 Nantes cedex 01, France.

If you would like to attend the Meetings personally, you should ask your bank for an admission card which you will need to present at the Meeting.

MAIN POINTS ON THE AGENDA

Ordinary General Meeting

Management report and independent Auditors report Approval of the 1993 accounts. Allocation of profits and distribution of dividends. Reappointment of existing Directors, and appointment of new Directors.

If you do not wish to attend the Meetings, you may exercise your right to vote using the proxy or postal metbod, by requesting the appropriate forms from Société Générale at the address below. To be considered valid, postal votes must arrive at Société Générale at least three days before the date of the Meeting.

To attend the ordinary part of the General Meeting and to vote, you must own at least 10 shares. For the extraordinary part, you need only



Extraordinary General Meeting Board authorization to issue various securities.

Approval of the proposed merger with Institut Méricux. Approval of the proposed exchange offer of Cooperation Pharmaceutique Française

If you would like to receive a copy of:

- a summary of the Meeting's minutes, - the quarterly sbareholders

newsletter. - "Rhône-Poulene in Brief" (an Annual Report summary).

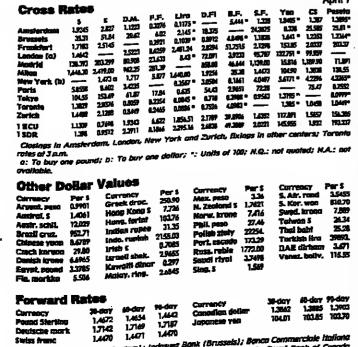
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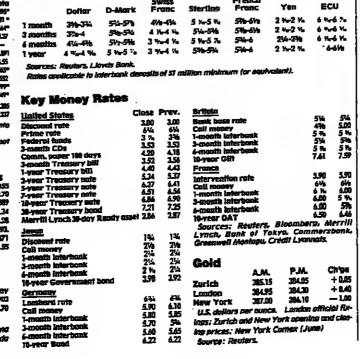
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Economic Outlook Lifts Stock Prices

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - Stocks rose on Thursday for the third consecutive day as investors appeared to concentrate on recent strong data on day as a sign that the recent downthe U.S. economy and downplay fears of higher interest rates and

Stocks were also buoyed when the bond market erased early losses after a speech by Alan Greenspan,

U.S. Stocks

the Federal Reserve Board chairman, made it seem that rumors of an imminent increase in the discount rate were unfounded. The Fed's discount rate, currently at 3 percent, is charged on loans it makes to commercial banks.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 13.53 points, at 3.693.26.

The yield on the benchmark 30-year Treasury bood slipped to 7.21 percent from 7.25 percent.

Advancing issues outnumbered Advancing issues outnumbered Several computer stocks beloed decliners on the New York Stock buoy the over-the-counter market.

300.80 million on Wednesday. Among the economic statistics

ment by 8 percent this year on top of last year's 7.1 percent rise.

Analysts generally viewed the steadiness of the market on Thurstrend may be nearing an end.

"Stocks are searching for a bot-tom," said Steven Finhorn, chairman of the investment policy com-mittee at Goldman, Sachs & Co. "A fair amount of damage was done to investor confidence, and that will take a bit of time to repair."

If first-quarter profit figures are solid, as expected, stock prices may finally end their glue-like attachment to bond prices and interest rates, the analysts said. "Starting next week, that will be the beginning of a pretty good flow of earnings reports and by and large, those are going to be favorable," said William LeFevre, analyst at Ehrenkrantz King Nussbaum.

Among active stocks, Gap Inc.

Exchange by about a 7-to-5 ratio. Sun Microsystems, which reported Volume on the Big Board was about strong earnings, rose 31/4 to 25 1/4.

285 million shares, down from Bank stocks rallied amid expectations for good first-quarter earnings and on the recovery in bonds. released on Thursday, the Com- Many banks hold significant bond merce Department said American portfolios. Among the top gainers busioesses plan to increase investments in new building and equip
(AP. Knight-Ridder)

Dollar Edges Higher, **But Rate Rumor Fades**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — The dollar warranted a stronger currency. gained against most other currencies on speculation that the Federal al said the dollar's rise above 104 yen meant it could move up to 105.50 yen before profit-taking set

The dollar ended New York trading at 1.7170 Deutsche marks, up

Foreign Exchange

from 1.7150 DM Wednesday, and at 104.90 yen, compared with 104.55.

The dollar jumped on a rumor that Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve Board chairman, would announce an increase in the Fed's discount rate, which it charges on loans to commercial banks. The announcement was expected to be made during a speech in San Fran-

Although the Fed chairman made no mentioo of interest rates or the stock market's recent turbulence in his talk, currency traders still look for an increase soon, possibly at the central bank's policy

meeting oext mooth. Dealers said the dollar also had become oversold after slumping in recent weeks in step with weakness in the U.S. stock and bond markets.

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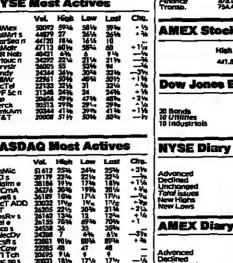
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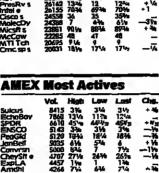
in again. But some said a rally would oot get under way until there was more evidence of the strength of the U.S. ecocomic recovery, perhaps in next week's data on wholesale and consumer-price inflation, industrial

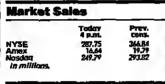
output and business inventories. Data pointing to strength in the German economy also capped the dollar's gains Thursday. Traders speculated that the Bundesbank would oot have to cut interest rates as much as expected to spur the conotry's economy. German interest rates are more than two percentage points higher than U.S. rates, making mark-denominated deposits attractive.

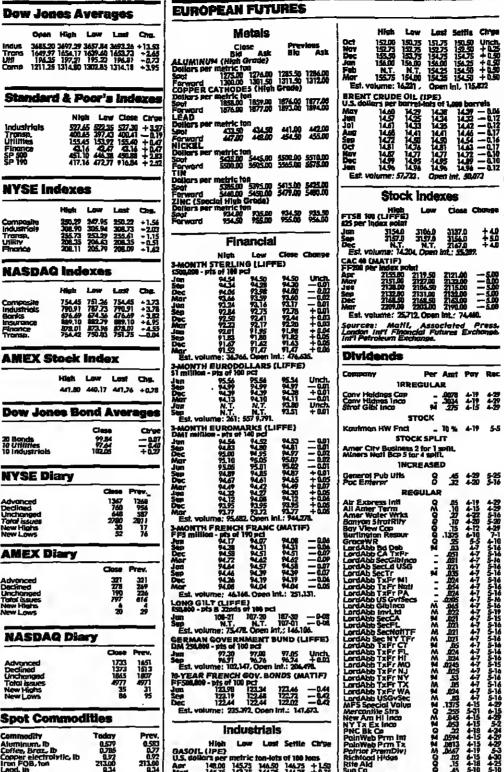
Against other currencies, the dollar slipped to 1.4473 Swiss francs from 1.4470 francs Wednesday, but it rose to 5.8770 French francs from 5.8705. The pound strengthened to \$1.4730 from \$1.4685.

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U.S. Businesses Plan to Spend More WASHINGTON (Combined Dispatches) - Encouraged by the expanding economy. American businesses are planning a big increase in-investments for new buildings and equipment, the government said

Businesses plan to increase capital spending by 8 percent this year, which would be the biggest jump since an 11.4 percent rise in 1989, the Commerce Department said.

Also on Thursday, U.S. retailers reported stronger-than-expected sales for March. Consumers, more confident about their financial security, apparently went shopping enthusiastically before Easter.

In other data, the Federal Reserve said U.S. consumer borrowing rose

for the minth consecutive month in February, fueled by credit card purchases. Installment credit rose by \$3.543 billion in February to a seasonally adjusted \$800 billion after increasing \$6.376 billion in January, the central bank said.

On B less positive economic note, 6,000 more Americans filed first-time claims for jobless benefits last week than the previous week. "The data fit. with the impression of a gradually improving labor market, not one that is roaring ahead," said Marilyn Schaja, of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corp. in New York.

Greenspan Says Americans Are Edgy

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A widening income gap has Americans fearful of the future despite generally positive economic news, Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, said Thursday. The country's top central banker avoided any discussion of interest rates or the stock market's recent gyrations in speaking to the six-state

federal reserve district based in San Francisco. Instead, he gave a long-range and generally upbeat assessment of the U.S. economy — but said polls shows the public does not share his optimism. The basis for the public's gloomy outlonk appears to be the increasing income gap between rich and poor Americans, which has widened in the last 20 years after narrowing for several decades before that he said

U.S. Teamsters Strike Turns Violent

NEW YORK (AP) - Scattered violence broke out on picket lines around the country as Teamsters striking against some of the biggest trucking companies in the United States sought to cripple delivery of everything from toilet paper to auto parts.

As the walkout by up to 75,000 drivers, longshoremen and mechanics entered its second day Thursday, its biggest effect had been to create; more business for noounion trucking companies.

Consumers saw little impact because many of the 22 companies haul raw materials and parts rather than finished products, and most supermarkets and food producers have their own fleets and are not part of the

It is the Teamsters' first nationwide strike since 1979.

For the Record

E.W. Scripps Co. will buy the 14 percent of Scripps Howard Broadcasting that it does not already own in a stock swap. Scripps will exchange 3.45 of its Class A shares for each Scripps Howard share. (Bloomberg) Dow Jones & Co.'s first-quarter net income rose to \$40.2 million from \$30.9 million the previous year as all business segments posted higher operating income and revenues. The information services segment led. (Knight-Ridder)

Whiripool Corp. plans to build a \$100 million plant in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to make gas and electric ranges. Construction is scheduled to begin this summer and production is planned to start in mid-1996. (Reuters)

Hotel Bel-Air, in Los Angeles, is being sold by a group of Japanese: investors known as the Sazale Group that acquired it for more than \$100 million in 1989. The Bel-Air is a favorite haunt of movie stars. (AP).

ECONOMY: U.S. Expected to Shake Off Rate Rise

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machinery or facilities without borrowing. Because much of the investmeot has gone into computers and other equipment that increase profits by saving on labor and oth- rates rise, consumers put off major er costs, companies still have strong incentives to invest, even if they have to borrow at slightly higher

"Most of the investment we've (AFX, Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg) not increased capacity," said Tony weaker, because prices for many of status.

ably makes sense at 8,"

Oo consumer purchases, the tradition has been that when interest purchases such as autos and washing machines because most are bought on credit, and higher rates make the monthly payments go up.

Riley, director of economic re- these items have been falling, and search at A. Gary Shilling & Co. "If auto dealers have learned to offset enabled companies to pay for new it makes sense at 7 percent, it probrising rates by-changing the terms of loans and leases so that monthly payments do not rise as much.

There is, however, an indirect link between interest rates and consumer spending - what economists call the wealth effect: Rising rates cause stock prices to decline, as they have in the last month, But many economists now sus- making middle-class consumers seen has been about automation, pect that this link has become less confident about their economic

HIGHWAY: Or Should It Be Called the Hypeway?

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would enable conventional televisions to receive 500 channels or more, But TCI said recently technical standards for such a box had oot been settled, causing it to reschedule

delivery to the end of the year. Time Warner Inc. was supposed to flip the switch this month on the most ambitious and advanced television and telephone system yet, for residents of a section of Orlando. Florida. But the test has had to be delayed until later in the year be-

deal with the simultaneous demands ruling that the company's planned of several thousand customers.

Corporate alliances that were conceived to speed construction of national networks have foundered.

On Tuesday, the cable company Cox Enterprises and Southwestern Bell Corp. called off a proposed partnership, blaming new federal rules on cable pricing. On the same day, American Telephone & Telegraph Co.'s plans to enter the wire-

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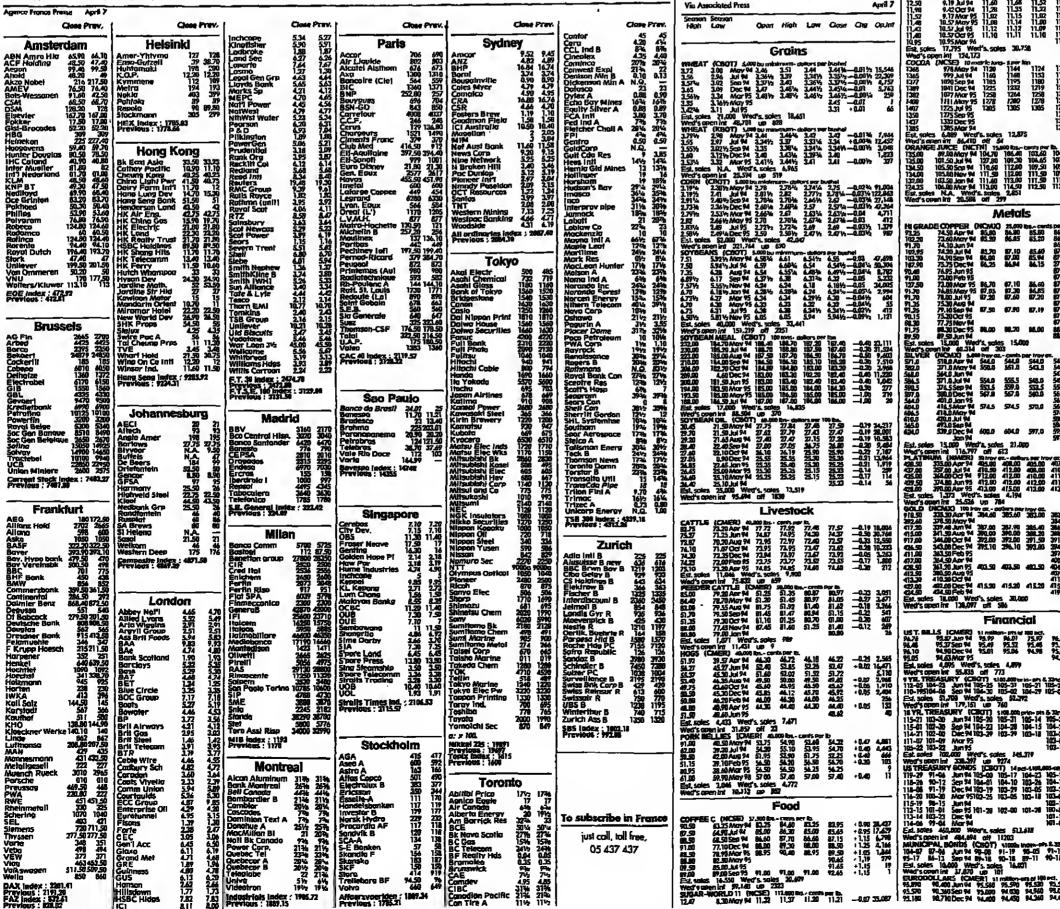
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cause the system was oot ready to dealt a setback by a federal judge's \$12.6 billion purchase of McCaw Cellular Communications Inc. violated the decade-old agreement that broke up AT&T's telephone monopoly.

The biggest deal, Bell Atlantic Corp.'s planned \$26 billion purchase of TCL disintegrated in February, with the companies blaming falling stock prices and the Federal Communications Commission's less-communications market were price rollbacks.

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Germany Makes Progress on Unemployment

BONN — Government anthorities announced Thursday that German unemployment slipped under 4 million in March, its first drop in six months, and West German February industry orders showed unexpected growth, suggesting the country's fragile economic recovery may be gaining momentum.

Economics Minister Günter Rexrodt predicted the country's worst post-war recession would be over by the autumn.

The Federal Labor Office said

Dresdner Plans Dividend Rise For '93 Results

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche FRANKFURT — Dresdner Bank AG said Thursday it planned to raise its dividend as analysts forecast its 1993 operating profit rose 16 percent, in line with its compensor Deut-

Dresdner said it would pro-pose a dividend of 13.50 Deutsche marks (\$7.88) a share, up

from 12 DM a year ago. Dresdner is to be the second of the three big Frankfurtbased banks to report 1993 earnings. Deutsche Bank last week reported a 15.8 percent rise in group operating profit, to 5.27 billion DM. Commerzbank is scheduled to report

oext week. Dresdner. Germany's second-largest commercial bank, has less foreign business than Deutsche, which earned most of its profits abroad last year. But that could be offset by Dresdner's lower risk provisions and relatively high domestic profits, largely in the

mortgage sector, analysts said. Some cautioned, however, that Dresdner's provisions may be higher than market expectations because of its exposure to Metallgesellschaft AG, the metals-based cooglomerate that nearly failed last year. The bank owns 13 percent of the company and is a major credi-

on Thursday that unadjusted March unemployment was 3.90 million, consisting of 2.64 million in Western Germany and 1.26 million in Eastern Germany. This

compared with a post-war record of 4.04 million in February. The West German jobless rate fell to 8.5 percent of the work force from 8.8 percent in February, while in the East, the rate was 16.8 percent, compared with 17.3 percent in

However, seasonally adjusted figures, which economists say give better snapshot of the labor market, showed 2.57 million people out of work in Western Germany, up from 2.55 million in February and

2.17 million in March 1993. Bernhard Jagoda, president of the Labor Office, said the drop in unadjusted unemployment reflected "the usual spring pickup" and that structural problems on the la-bor market would persist.

Nevertheless, private economists said they were encouraged by the jobless data and by figures from the Economics Ministry showing that West German industry orders rose 3.1 percent in February from January and a year earlier.

"Both indicators together show the West German economy is now in a recovery phase," said Thomas Mayer of Goldman, Sachs & Co. "They give reason to hope that industrial production will take off, at least in the second quarter. Both are quite encouraging for the West German economy."

In a magazine interview, Mr. Rexrodt said he expected rising foreign demand and recovery in Eastern Germany to put the country as a

whole back on a growth path. "We will have left the recession behind us by October 1994," he

But Rudolf Scharping, the leader of the Social Democratic oppositioo who hopes to wrest power from Chancellor Helmut Kohl's coalitioo in October elections, said the government was deliberately exaggerating the importance of a blip in the jobless figures.

Peter Pietsch, economist at Commerzbank, said exports would remain the cornerstone of recovery, with domestic consumption and investment staying fairly flat. "This is in line with the usual pattern of previous recessions. The recovery has come from abroad every time."

Bakeries Give Rise to Capitalism

Last Vestige of Soviet Control Falls to Private Hands

MOSCOW -Outside, an icy wind funnels down from the Kremlin into one of Moscow's most popular shopping streets, but inside Bread Store No. 755, the air is warm, damp

The homey aroma of fresh-baked Russian black bread mingles with the unmistakable smell of raw capitalism as people surge toward the counter to buy, buy, buy - even at prices they consider extremely high.

Russia's last mammoth Soviet-era government monopoly -- bread -- is ever-so-gradually being wrested from state control and

placed into private hands.

It is a politically delicate, even spiritually traumatic process. Cheap, plentiful bread was the very symbol of the Bolshevik Revolution, and Lenin came to power in 1917 on the slogan "Peace, Land, Bread." Bread stayed cheap and plentiful even in the poorest days of the Soviet Union, the best-kept covenant

between the Communists and the masses. For three decades, the price of a dense, round loaf of rye bread remained unchanged at 16 kopeks. It was so cheap that peasants

fed it to their pigs.
In 1991, as the Soviet Union lay on its deathbed, authorities broke a sacred taboo and raised bread prices. Then, last October, President Boris N. Yeltsin decontrolled prices entirely, and by last week a loaf of rye bread cost 376 rubles — still only 21 cents, but 2,262 times what it cost just three years ago.

Consumption has dropped between 10 percent and 12 percent - not because people are eating less but because they are wasting less and have stopped feeding bread to their livestock, said Alexander A. Chistyakov of the Russian Committee for Grain Products.

Today, a new generation of revolutionaries is trying to do the unthinkable: make money

LISBON -The finance minister

of Portugal said Thursday that tur-bulence in financial markets would

subsude in a few days, but dealers

remained skeptical as money mar-

Eduardo Catroga told the fman-

cial daily Diario Economico that

the volatile market movements had

nothing to do with the health of

the economy or with the direction

of economic policy and will cer-

tainly disappear after a few days."
But most dealers saw a deprecia-

tion of the Portuguese escudo as

inevitable after repeated injections

of short-term funds by the central bank have failed to drag down

"At the end of the day, it's the

exchange rate that will give rather

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ket rates soared to 100 percent.

from bread. The owner of store No. 755, Natalia D. Pelenitsina, is a former medical textbook editor turned bakery entrepreneur. In a startling break with tradition, Ms. Pelenitsina has managed to train her employees not to be surly to the customers - though it is impossible to train the customers not to

be nasty to the workers about the ever-increasing prices.

Ms. Pelenitsina has also instructed employees to sell the warm bread first, forsaking

With the demise of the bread monopoly, the last vestige of Soviet rule will finally collapse.' Mikhail L. Berger, economist.

the Soviet custom of trying to force customers to buy up every last scrap of old bread before letting them have the fresh stuff.

Bread Store No. 755 has developed a reputation for always having fresh bread on hand. Several customers said they come from other neighborhoods to buy it, as well as imported tea and cookies; fresh cakes; pizzas; and steaming pirogi, buns stuffed with pork, po-tatoes and cabbage that the employees make

These and other innovations have helped Bread Shop No. 755 boost sales from 2,000 loaves a day when Ms. Pelenitsina took over

three years ago to 5,000 loaves daily now. She gives much of the credit for the turnaround to the Western-style management advice she received from Arthur Andersen & Co. executives under a program funded by

Portugual Predicts Calm in Rate Chaos

at Crédit Lyonnnais Portugal.

A flurry of speculative selling

last week drove the escudo down.

The Deutsche mark rose to 104.40

escudos and the dollar was quoted

at 172.00 escudos, the highest level

this year, forcing the Bank of Por-

tugal to back up its pledge to de-

The central bank suspended its

regular moncy market interventioo

rates on Tuesday rather than face

the embarrassment of raising them

Instead it has injected short-term

funds at rates of up to 14 percent, a full four points above its regular

intervention rate, last fixed at 10

Last week, the Bank of Portugal

fend exchange rate stability.

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percent on March 28.

than money rates," said Chris intervened heavily on the foreign Blease, director of capital markets exchange market to shore up the

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currency, but this week the soaring

money rates have proved enough to

lift the escudo. The mark hit 100.95

escudos on Thursday, a seven-week

low, as overnight loans changed

hands at 100 percent after closing

at 30 to 40 percent oo Wednesday.

The turmoil on the foreign ex-

change and money markets has left

the bood market paralyzed. An

auction of 40 billion escudos of

Treasury bonds flopped on Thurs-

day, with the Treasury failing to

sell any of the paper.

Some analysis said they consid-

ered the escudo overvalued, but

few said they thought the crisis was

sparked by fundamental weakness

"It's not a question of a cheap or

in the Portuguese economy.

the British government. Ms. Pelemitsina raves about the extensive help she received, which included personal business tutorials, a 10-day trip to London and a visit from former British Prime Minister Edward Heath.

Inspired by her success. Ms. Pelenitsina has borrowed \$40,000 and is building a small bakery of her own in what was the crumbling back of the bread store. It will be staffed mostly by

of the bread store. It will be staffed mostly by her overeducated, unemployed friends.

"At my cash register is the former head engineer for a defense contractor," Ms. Pelenitsina said, pointing out a middle-aged woman in a blue apron, one of 25 employees who earn an average of \$74 a month. "Of course, it's a big comedown for her. But since they are not here posid there she has to do comething else."

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the staff of life remains high. Although Mr. Yeltsin decontrolled the price of bread by decree in October, a law passed by the old Supreme Soviet that banned reaping more than 15 percent profit from baking or selling

bread expired only on Jan. 1. Worried that price-gouging would create a political backlash, the bread factories still do not allow the retail stores they supply to add more than a 15 percent markup to their bread. Some local authorities also have imposed profit restrictions.

Despite the regulatory limitations and the deregulatory confusion, reformers have said they thought the lifting of government con-trols on bread production would bring Russians more psychological and economic independence from the state.

"With the demise of the bread monopoly the last vestige of Soviet rule will finally collapse," said economist and newspaper columnist Mikhail L. Berger. "Giving np land and bread amounts to giving up power and control over the people."

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pricey escado — nobody knows what its value should be," said Rui Martins dos Santos, chief of eco-

nomics at Banco Portugues de In-

Mr. Catroga said he saw a return

to a policy of gently easing regular interest rates in the medium term,

provided Portuguese inflation con-

inued to fall and European central

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Portugal whittled one point off its regular intervention rates for injecting and absorbing funds in

Prime Minister Anibal Cavaco

Silva said a month ago that Portugal

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 Bertelsmann AG said it expected to report record profit for the year ending June 30. The German publishing and media concern said its first-half sales had risen 6 percent, to 9.3 billion Deutsche marks (\$5 billion). • The Bundesbank lowered Germany's M-3 money-supply growth rate for February to 17.5 percent annually from a preliminary 17.6 percent. France's industrial production fell a seasonally adjusted 0.2 percent in

January from the previous month, the statistics office INSEE said. • Baltica Forsikring AS, a Danish insurer, posted 1993 net profit of 25 million kroner (\$4 million), reversing a loss in 1992 of 445 million kroner, but it said it would again omit its dividend.

 Benetton Group SpA said it would ask shareholders to approve selling 19 million shares overseas as part of the clothing maker and retailer's efforts to broaden its international shareholder base.

• Germany's competition watchdog, the Federal Cartel Office, cleared the planned merger of the Cologne-based retailer Kaufhof Holding AG with the Düsseldorf-based department-store chain Horten AG.

• Cap Gemini Sogeti's rights issue of 1.5 billion French francs (\$256 million) will be priced at 140 francs a share, the lead manager, Credit

British Industrial Output Up

LONDON - An increase in British industrial output in February shows the economy was healthy heading into the personal tax increases that start in this month, economists said Thursday.

The Central Statistical Office reported that industrial production rose a seasonally adjusted 0.8 percent in February after a revised 0.6 percent rise in January.

Production in the manufacturing sector alone, which excludes vola-

tile energy output, rose by 0.6 percent in February.

The figures were stronger than many analysts expected. Economists have been concerned that coocerns over this mooth's persooal tax increases would cut consumer spending, which has been the main factor behind Britain's economic recovery since late 1992.

Separate goveroment data showed housing starts in Britain fell 7.0 percent to the three months to February, compared with the previous three mooths.

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Japan Car Firms **Set Supply Pacts** To Trim Costs

TOKYO — Japanese carmakers car Wagon R. are likely to increase their supplies of finished cars and trucks to one another as a way of reducing progines for its new Familia model in duction costs, industry sources said

Nissan Motor Co. and Isuzu Motors Ltd. said Thursday they had agreed to supply trucks to each other under an original-equipment

tie-ups in the future," said Seitchiro duce production and development lwasawa, senior analyst at Nomura Research Institute Ltd., as compa-nies aim to reduce model-development and production costs by increasing production volume.

are struggling, posting poor profits or even losses amid weak demand at home and slow exports.

Mr. Iwasawa said the pact would be profitable for Isuzu, as it would be profitable for Isuzu, as it would Australian unit, under Toyota's sell more trucks than it would be brand name, and GM's Australian buying in vans and pick-up trucks unit sells Toyota Camrys and Coin the transactions with Nissan.

Starting in mid-1995, Isuzu is to supply 14,000 two-ton or three-ton Sales of Imports Jump trucks to Nissan annually, for sale under Nissan's brand name, and Nissan would supply 6,000 vans and 3,000 one-ton trucks to Isuzu for sale under the Isuzu name, a Nissan spokeswoman said.

While the arrangement would have no immediate impact oo Nissan or Isuzu's finances, Mr. lwasawa said, it will help improve their performances in the long run,

In December, Isuzu forecast parent-company current profit of 1 billion yen (\$10 million) in the year ending in October 1994, against a loss of 10.2 billion yen the year

Nissan in October forecast it would have no current profit in the year that ended March 31, after a loss of 26.25 billion yen the year

Honda Motor Co. already sells Isuzu-made sports-utility vehicles in Japan under the Hooda brand name, Isuzu sells Honda-made Accord and Domani cars.

Fuji Heavy Industries Ltd. began selling Nissan-made AD vans this month, and Mazda Motor Corp. will begin selling the vans in mid-1994. Nissan began selling Mazda-

made Boogo trucks on Tuesday. Mazda has been using engines, transmissioos and other items made by Suzuki Motor Corp. in its minicars since 1989 and plans plant, up 0.7 percent.

Industry sources said Mazda was likely to use Isuzu-made diesel enmid-1994 and for its pick-up trucks in late 1994.

The sources also said Mitsubishi Motors Corp. was likely to use Honda-made driveshafts in a new model at some point.

manufacturing agreement.

"Such ties between carmakers
are likely to increase further to recosts," a spokesman for Toyota Motor Corp. said.

In November, Toyota signed an agreement with General Motors Corp. to sell 20,000 GM-made Japanese car and truck makers right-hand-drive Chevrolet Cavaliers in Japan, with the Toyota nameplate, in 1996.

Toyota's Australian unit sells the Commodore model, made by GM's rollas under GM's brand name. (Reuters, AFP)

Sales of imported motor vehicles in Japan jumped 41 percent in March, belped by the yen's strength and low-interest loans, The Associated Press reported, citing figures from the Japan Automobile Importers' Association.

A record 32,440 imported cars, trucks and buses were sold in March, compared with 23,051 in March 1993, the association said.

The figure surpassed the previous record of 25,943 vehicles imported in March 1990, Yasuhiko Yokota, the association's spokes-

The strong yen makes foreign products cheaper for Japanese conmers. The yen has climbed about 11 percent against the dollar over the last year, but Mr. Yokota said the association did not know how much of that potential savings had been passed on to consumers through lower retail prices.

German autos remained the most popular, with 13,103 sold, up 26.3 percent from a year earlier. Imports of U.S.-made vehicles climbed 48 percent, to 12,116. They

included 6,403 from Honda USA. up 40 percent; 1,100 from Ford Motor Co., up 92 percent; 1,608 from Chrysler Corp., up from 330 cars sold in March 1993, and 1,349 cars from Toyola's American

Beijing to Go Shopping in U.S.

Officials Will Seek to Press Case for Trade Status

BELIING — China's latest volley in the fight to get its favorable trade status with the United States renewed involves a shopping

China's trade minister, Wu Yi, will lead a buying mission to the United States Monday. The group is to place hundreds of millions of dollars worth of orders, offer what China says will be several hundred investment opportunities and lobby for granting Beijing another year of most-favored-nation trading status.

That status means that Chinese exports are given the same low-tariff treatment as products from other major trading partners. Its renewal has been an annual issue in the United States and an occasion for criticizing Beijing's buman-rights record since troops in Beijing massacred demonstrators calling for democracy in China in June 1989.

During his 10-day trip, a Chinese trade official said, Mr. Wu is to meet Secretary of Commerce Ronald H. Brown and discuss the U.S. threat to revoke China's favored trading status this June if the country has not made substantial progress toward respecting the

human rights of its population.

China has timed the trips of its buying delegations to the United States to the period just before most-favored-nation renewal every year since 1989, but this is the first year a

foreign trade minister has led the mission.

The delegation plans to buy cars, petrolearn equipment and other products." Zhu Mincai, chief of information at the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Coopera-tion, said.

In April 1993, just before President Bill Clinton decided to extend Benjing's mostfavored-nation status for one year, a Chinese delegation bought \$800 million of Boeing Co. aircraft and \$160 million of vehicles from General Motors Corp., Chrysler Corp. and Ford Motor Co. Mr. Zhu said there might also be some aircraft purchases this year.

China has an inflation rate of 20 percent or

more and a budget delicit that is forecast to 'MFN is not a scalpel, it's a club, and you can't perform an append-

ectomy with a club.' Jeff Belt, vice president of the American Chamber of Commerce in

triple this year. But the large sum it plans to spend in the United States is far less than the amount it would lose if its most-favorednation status is not renewed, analysts said.

China currently has a \$22 billion trade sur-plus with the United States, according to U.S. customs data. One Westerner based in China estimated that 40 percent of China's exports go to the United States and that the country would see its exports reduced by \$8 billion to \$10 billion if it lost its favorable trade status. He also said up to 3 million people would be thrown out of work in Guangdong and Fujian

nemployment will his 5 million this year. The purchases the trade delegadon plans to make will appeal to one of China's strongest allies in the dispute: American businesses. Last week, when it was reported that Mr. Clinton was considering selectively revoking trade privileges of Chinese state-owned com-

panies, American business was quick to react. "MFN is not a scalpel, it's a club, and you can't perform an appendectomy with a club, Jeff Belt, vice president of the American Chamber of Commerce in Beijing, said. "This proposal could make Congress think they can fine-tune this belligerent instrument."

Assistant U.S. Secretary of State Winston Lord recognized the unpopularity of the pro-posal when he spoke to a Chamber of Com-merce meeting last week in Washington. "I feel a little bit like Tonya Harding joining a Nancy Kerrigan family reunion here," he said.

But selective withholding of most-favorednation status has considerable backing in Washington. A bill proposing to withdraw the status from Chinese state enterprises in the absence of progress on rights and other issues was passed by Congress in 1992, only to be vetoed by President George Bush.

Some form of compromise may be needed this time. With China's most prominent dissident, Wei Jingsheng, having been detained again last week, the gap between China and the United States on human rights has widened. "The Clinton administration seems to have boxed itself into a corner, and this could be one way out," a European diplomat in

Will Sentencing Reporter Block Flow of China News?

HONG KONG - China's decision to imprison a Hong Kong journalist for 12 years on vague spying charges threatens to cut further the already meager flow of information from one of the world's fastest-growing economies, analysts said Thursday.

Court authorities in Beijing disclosed this week that Xi Yang, a mainland China native and a reporter for the daily newspaper Ming Pao, had been sentenced at a closed trial on charges of stealing state secrets after writing an article on China's plans to sell gold on the international market.

The severity of the sentence, for a business journalist who was simply doing his job, appeared likely to damage business confidence both in Hong Kong and overseas, some analysts said, as well as having a chilling effect on those who gather and report the news.

"It will affect the willingness of foreign companies to give interviews about China, said Bob Broadfoot, managing director of Political and Economic Risk Consultancy, a firm that advises corporations.

Newspaper editors in Hong Kong have vowed to continue the fight for press freedom, but journalists admit privately that self-

censorship will inevitably increase because of China's treatment of Mr. Xi.

"We will not change our China reporting policy," Stephen Vines, editor of the Englishlanguage Eastern Express, said. "We treat China like any other news story. If you treat it any differently, that would be a step down the rocky road to making up news."

But Wen Xianshen, chief reporter for the United Daily News, which is funded by Taiwan, said, "We have warned our reporters to be extra careful when reporting from China." Former mainland journalists who, like Mr. Xi, now work in Hong Kong are considered particularly vulnerable.

"It's a case of killing a chicken to show the monkey," ooe such journalist said, using a Chinese metaphor for punishing minor ligures as a warning to the more important ones. "Of course I feel very pervous about this,"

but I also want to do my job," the reporter, who asked not to be identified, said. "I will definitely apply self-censorship if I'm in China and feet a story is too sensitive."

China's Foreign Ministry spokesman, Wu Jianmin, denied Thursday that Beijing was cracking down on the flow of economic infor-

"To get necessary economic informatioo in an effort to boost economic and trade cooperation and relations is totally different from stealing economic, trade and financial seets," be said at a weekly press briefing.
"I don't think anyone should worry about getting normal economic information from

Editors of Ming Pao planned to fast for 72 hours, starting Thursday night, to protest the sentence outside the Hong Kong branch of Kinhua news agency, China's de facto embassy in the British colony that is to revert to Chinese rule in 1997.

The newspaper also issued a statement condemning the prison term and the secrecy of the trial. "All this is bound to hamper Hong Kong news organizations' efforts accurately to report on China on the spot, to shake faith in Hong Kong's post-1997 free press and to harm China's image among the Hong Kong people," the statement said. It added that China was "carrying out

reforms, opening itself to the outside world and moving toward the rule of law and a market economy," but that "the way the authorities have handled Xi's case clearly runs counter to these correct national policies and to the spirit behind them."

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 Videsh Sauchar Nigam Ltd., the Indian government's overseas telecommunications monopoly, will make a \$1 billion issue of global depositary receipts on April 11, according to two officials familiar with the issue. • Thailand said to Prime Minister Paul Keating of Australia that his country was welcome to link up with the free-trade zone established by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

 Acer Inc., Taiwan's largest personal computer manufacturer, said net profit in the first quarter soared 37-fold, to 500 million Taiwan dollars (\$19 million), boosted largely by higher earnings at the joint venture nents-Acer Inc.

 Asian Strategic Investments Corp., an arm of Hong Kong's Pacific Alliance Group, said it raised \$160 million to invest in China's car parts industry.

· ABB Asea Brown Boveri Ltd. announced plans to build India's first private sector power plant in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

• San Miguel Corp. said net profit in 1993 rose 12 percent, to 4.02 billion pesos (\$146.2 million), and disclosed plans to invest \$100 million in overseas projects. Bloomberg, AP, AFP, AFX

CITIC Paper Rated Prime-2

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Corp.'s first short-term yen borrowing program was given a Prime-2 rating Thursday by Moody's Investors Service Inc., the U.S. credit rating agency. The rating, the second on

Moody's four-tier system, covers a 15 billion yen (\$143 million) commercial-paper program that CTTIC is scheduled to launch this month. Commercial paper borrowings are unsecured obligations of up to nine months, and the Prime-2 rating indi-

cates strong capacity for payment.
Moody's said the rating reflected CITIC's close ties to China's central government. CITIC's founder, Rong Yiren, is now a Chinese goverament official.

CITIC was founded at the beginning of China's free-market reform drive in 1979 and has grown into a business empire. Its largest subsidiary is CITIC Industrial Bank, and it owns one of Hong Kong's leading conglomerates, CITIC Pacific Ltd. Moody's also assigns its Prime-2 rating to Bank of China and Peo-

ple's Construction Bank of China.

Generous Japanese Bond Ratings Give Too Much Credit

bond market that began last year, credit ratings are becoming increasingly important in a market that has not relied much upon them in the past.

Japanese credit-rating agencies use looser standards than competitors from overseas, so some bond invesfors could get caught with riskier instruments than they thought they were buying. In the latest and most glaring example, Nippon Investors Service has given its highest rating, AAA, to Nippon Steel Corp.

At most credit agencies, a triple-A rating indicates a security that is essentially risk-free for the foreseeable future. Yet Nippon Steel is forecasting an 85 billion future. Yet Nippon Steel is forecasting an 85 billion yen (5825 million) loss for the year that ended March led to a bidding war among several of Japan's largest

The single-A category at most agencies is for issuers considered to have strong capacity to pay their debts but that may be vulnerable to changes in economic conditions and corporate circumstances. The double-A grade is for issuers with very strong capacity to pay their bonds and little vulnerability to changing conditions.

Investors seem to agree with Moody's about Nippon Steel. An outstanding Nippon Steel bond due Feb. 18, 2000, currently has a yield of 4.46 percent, a higher return than many triple-A issues of like maturity.

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31. and Moody's Investors Service, a U.S. company, securities firms seeking to underwrite the steel company's next bond, expected to be a 50 billion yen five-year floating-rate note. The A3 rating from Moody's would suggest Nippon Steel should pay at least 30 basis points. or 0.30 percentage point, above a benchmark interest rate used by bond underwriters.

When the dust settled in the bidding for Nippon Steel's proposed offer, however, the prevailing rate was only 10 basis points above the standard rate, so low that Nippon Steel worned it might damage its credibility with investors, said an executive at one of Japan's Big Four securities companies.

The Nippon Steel case follows a pattern. For example, Japan Credit's most recent rating of Japan Air Lines is AA-minus, compared with Moody's A2 rating.

One credit rating agency, Mikimi & Co., is independent of financial institutions and bond issuers.

Japan Bond Rating Institute, another rating agency, rates the airline A-plus, a sliver higher than Moody's.

Why the differing standards between Japanese and internacional rating agencies? "Japanese credit-rating agencies tend to judge a company by size and how much profit there is if the company sold its land and securities holdings," said Toshiaki Nakano, a manager at Asahi Mutual Life Insurance Co.'s bond investment division.

raters are on loan from companies that have a stake in the agency, such as financial institutions or underwriters that would benefit from favorable ratings.

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Second Official Leaves Malaysian Central Bank

KUALA LUMPUR — The head of the foreign-exchange depart-ment at Bank Negara, Malaysia's central bank, resigned as part of a management shake-up after two vears of large trading losses, the government said Thursday.

Nor Mohamed Yakcob's resignation followed the departure last week of the central bank's governor, Jaffar Hussein. Mr. Nor will be replaced by Abdul Murad Kha-lid the head of the banking depart ment, a bank officer said. Nr. Nor led Bank Negara's ill-

fated move into foreign-exchange markets, which resulted in losses of some street who has spent more than 10 year and 9.3 billion ringgit in 1992.

Mr. Jaffar, who had been the Mr. Jaffar, who had been central bank governor since February 1985, admitted Thursday that

for the resignation of Anwar Ibrahim, the deputy prime minister and finance mininster, for allowing the

bank's "aggressive adventurism with public funds."

But Mr. Anwar has shown no signs of bowing to those demands. He said he would ensure there was no repeat of the Bank Negara for-eign-exchange trading blunder. "I would have to talk to the governordesignate on the need to make necessary changes to ensure more efficient management and also ensure that past problems do not occur,"

Mr. Jaffar's replacement is widely expected to be Ahmad Mohamed Don, managing director of Maybank Bhd.

Mr. Abdul, the new foreign-ex-

banking department. the losses were caused by an error of judgment by the bank.

The fiasco has prompted the Malaysian poliocal opposition to call laysian poliocal opposition to call for the promoted to adviser. He will be in charge of the promoted to adviser. general service and branch opera-tions, the bank officer said.

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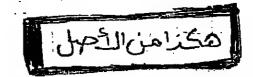
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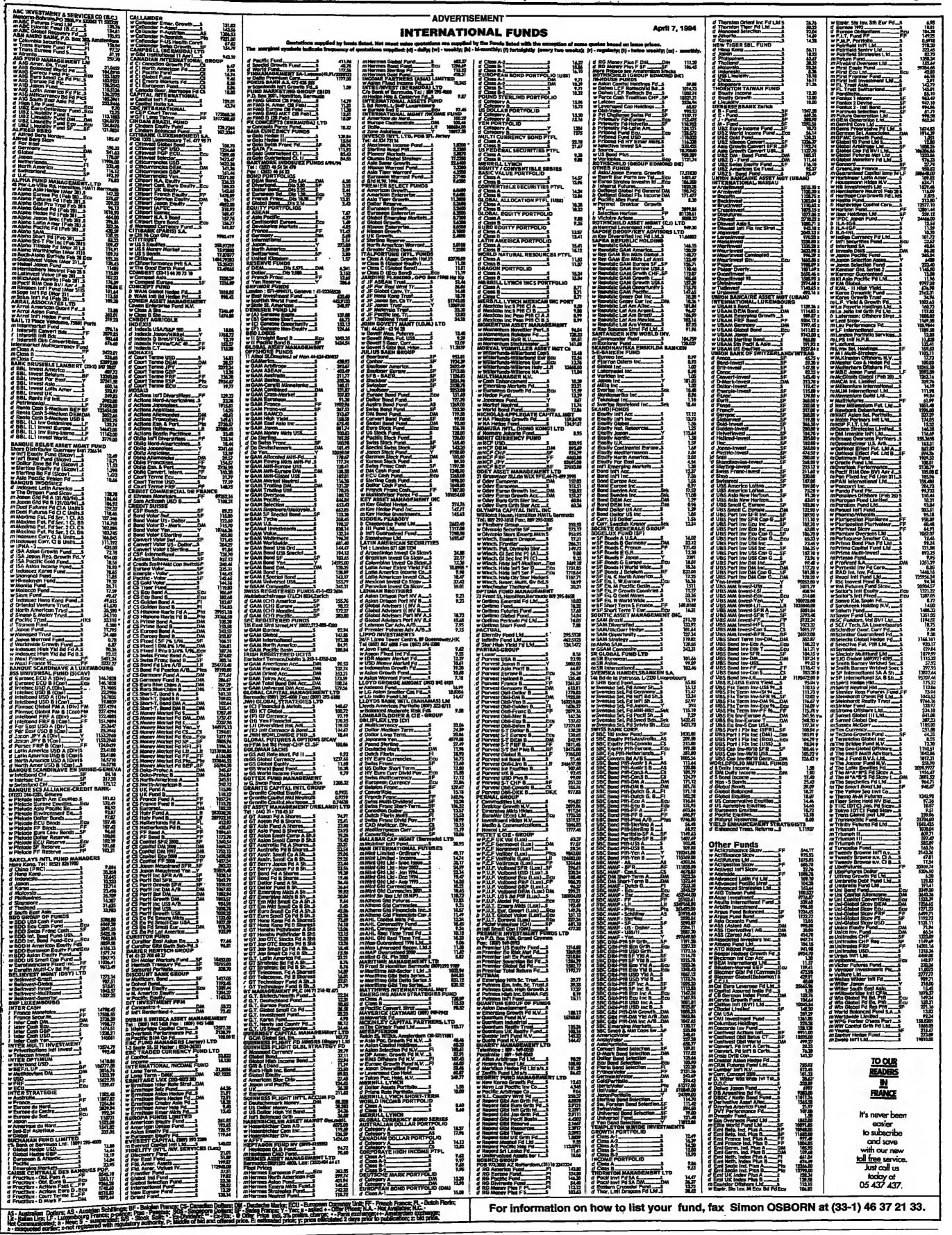
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Rodriguez Gives Dodgers a Boost Past Marlins

The Associated Press In just two games, Henry Rodriguez has turned a big problem for the Los Angeles Dodgers into a big

Rodriguez, promoted to start in left field after Darryl Strawberry admitted his alcohol-and-drug problem, homered twice and drove in all three runs to lead the Dodgers over the Florida Marlins, 3-2, on Wednesday night.

"I've been working hard every day, and I feel no pressure on my-

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self right now." Rodriguez said. "I felt very happy to get the opportunity to play every day."

Rodriguez, 26, has hit well throughout his career in the minors, and earned part-time stints with the Dodgers the last two years. He homered three times in 61 atbats this spring, but figured to begin the season on the beach behind Strawberry, Brett Butler and rookie right fielder Raul Mondesi. Even Cory Snyder seemed ahead of Rodriguez for a reserve spot in the outfield, until he got burt.

Rodriguez is 4-for-6 in his two

He connected Wednesday for the Dodgers' first homer of the season, a two-run shot for a 2-1 lead in the fifth inning. He homered again off Ryan Bowen (0-1) in the seventh to break a 2-2 tie at Dodger Stadium.

Winner Tom Candiotti (1-0) gave up seven hits, struck out four and walked two.

Braves 7, Padres 2: Rookie Ryan Klesko went 4-for-4 and drove in three runs, and Atlanta again stopped the Padres in San Diego. The Braves are 3-0 for the first time since 1982, when they opened with 13 straight victories.

Klesko, part of a planned pla-toon in left field, is 7-for-11 with two home runs, a triple and five

John Smoltz (1-0) pitched seven shutout innings, allowing four hits and striking out nine.

Phillies 7, Rockies 5: Lentry Dykstra bit a two-run homer and a donble, and started a four-run rally in the ninth with a walk that led visiting Philadelphia over Colorado.

Dave Hollins's RBI single and an error by second baseman Roberto Mejia tied it in the ninth. Jim Eisenreich's two-run single off Darren Holmes (0-1) won it.

gal won his debut for San Francisco, pitching a six-hitter for the first complete game in the majors this season. Portugal, signed to an \$11 million, three-year contract after going 18-4 for Houston, struck ont eight and walked none at Candlestick Park.

Pittsburgh, shut out by the Giants in the first two games of the season, extended its scoreless streak to 23 innings before Andy Van Slyke hit a two-run homer in the sixth. The Pirates are 0-3 for the first time since 1977.

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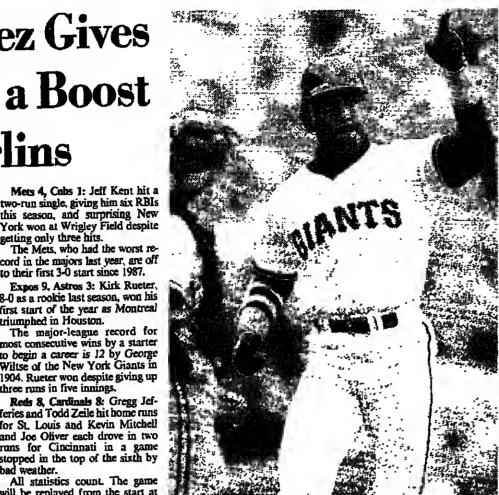
Mets 4, Cubs 1: Jeff Kent hit a two-run single, giving him six RBIs this season, and surprising New York won at Wrigley Field despite getting only three hits. The Mets, who had the worst re-

cord in the majors last year, are off to their first 3-0 start since 1987. Expos 9, Astros 3: Kirk Rueter, 8-0 as a rookie last season, won his

first start of the year as Montreal triumphed in Houston. The major-league record for most consecutive wins by a starter to begin a career is 12 by George Wiltse of the New York Giants in

three runs in five innings. Reds 8, Cardinals 8: Gregg Jefferies and Todd Zeile hit home runs for St. Louis and Kevin Mitchell and Joe Oliver each drove in two runs for Cincinnati in a game stopped in the top of the sixth by bad weather.

All statistics count. The game will be replayed from the start at Riverfront Stadium as part of a doubleheader in August.





Barry Bonds, left, was up after a homer in San Francisco, but Bo Jackson was down in Minneapolis, breaking his bat after striking out.

Chisox Turn the Table on Blue Jays With 5 Homers

Home runs were bouncing around Toron-to's SkyDome again. Finally, it was the Chicago White Sox who were doing the bopping. Chicago, which hit just five homers during its six-game loss to Toronto in last year's

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American League playoffs, matched that total Wednesday night in a 9-2 rout of the Blue

"A lot of guys were swinging the bat well tonight, and you always want to score 10 runs if you can, said Darrin Jackson, who homered twice despite spending the first six innings on the bench.

time, teammates followed him over the wall -Dan Pasqua in the fourth off Pat Hentgen (0-1) and Jackson in the seventh off Paul Spoliaric. Jackson also homered in the eighth off Scott Brow.

"It seems you always try to do too much the next time up after you hit one out," said Ventura, 3-for-5 with five RBIs. "I was just trying to swing hard, make contact and not hit into a double play."

Wilson Alvarez (1-0) won his eighth cousecutive regular-season decision, allowing one run and four hits in seven innings. He beat the Blue Jays in Game 3 of the AL

Red Sex 5, Tigers 4: Dave Valle broke a 3-

Robin Ventura also homered twice, in- 3 tie with a two-run triple in the sixth inning cluding his fifth career grand slam. Each at Boston's Fenway Park. Mike Greenwell had tied the score with a three-run homer in the fourth.

Ricky Trlicek, claimed last Friday after Los Angeles placed him on waivers, retired all five batters in relief of Frank Viola, getting out of a two-on jam in the fifth.

Angels 4, Twins 1: John Dopson, unwanted in the off-season after losing his last six decisions in 1993, pitched seven innings of four-hit ball for visiting California.

Damion Easley hit a first-row home run in the fourth, and Bo Jackson - who earlier broke his bat across a knee after striking out - singled home an eighth-inning run. After Kent Hrbek's single made it 2-1 in

the eighth, California got two runs in the ninth off Mark Guthrie when Gary DiSarcina hit an RBI double and scored on a wild

Orioles 4, Royals 2: Rafael Palmeiro and Kansas City nemesis Harold Baines hit successive homers in the sixth at Camden Ben McDonald allowed two runs in 61/2

innings as the Orioles swept the two-game series. McDonald (1-0) gave up eight hits, struck out three and walked one.

Palmeiro hit his second solo homer in two games to make it 2-2 against David Cone (0-1). Baines followed with an opposite-field drive inside the left-field foul pole. He went 2-for-3 with a walk and is 15-for-20 with five walks against the Royals at Camden Yards.

Wild-Card Woes? Much Ado About Another Wild Thing

By Ira Berkow New York Times Service

N EW YORK — The pennant race — the supposed purity, sanctity, ennobling essence of two or three teams battling and perspiring for what used to be called the gonfalon — was read its last rites, or so many

It took place last year when the owners of major league clubs voted to split the leagues from two divisions into three. Or, as Joe DiMaggio, in so

Point

is a question asked many times in the past, but not often in the context of baseball. Cleveland, it turns out, is not only in the Central Division of the American League, but, after Day Two of the New Day in baseball, was

also uncharacteristically atop it. Baseball, now, is bursting with pennant, or division, races.
Instead of two races, as there were, for the most part, for the first 100 years of baseball, or four, as there have been since 1969, there may be six. To the man on the street, this might seem an embarrassment of riches. But the baseball fan is not the conventional person; he is a man up to his

ears in tradition, aflood in nostalgia.

And one who, in effect, constructs his own tradition. And he says the horse race has been taken out of the pennant race. The general belief is that baseball has again shot itself in the foot by

expanding the divisions and adding a second playoff series in each Most things

many words, asked the other day, "Where is Cleveland, anyway?" This

league.
This means that a wild card, or haseball has tried to second place, team will compete in keep the game a playoff in each league. Thus, a team may have a lesser record than exciting and salable another, and still win the pennant. But what seems forgotten is that this is exactly what was happening anyway. And several more teams

have not hurt the sport. might now be in the thick of things. Last season, considered a great success, the Braves won the National League West with a 104-57 record, a game ahead of the Giants. The Phillies won the East with only a 97-65 record. Yet, due to circumstance;

This is not uncommon. Just to take some recent seasons, the Braves of 1991, the Reds of 1990, the Giants of 1989, the Dodgers of 1988 and the Twins of 1987 all had worse records than the teams they beat in the playoffs. Depending on the beholder, either this was disgraceful, or Cinderella comes once a year.

HANGE COMES with difficulty in most endeavors, and change comes particularly hard for fans of baseball.

The game is seen as more than a game by many, it is viewed as some mystical bond between boyhood and fatherhood, between its constituents and the Constitution (at least the enduring elements of the Republic), between, well, whatever symbols one ascribes to the bat, the ball and

(In the end, Bart Giamatti, the late commissioner of baseball and former Yale president and baseball symbolist supreme, said baseball is all about coming home.)

Some, like the owner of the Milwaukee Brewers and sometime commissioner, Bud Selig, say baseball is quasi-trust, while fighting like crazy to keep it from being subject to antitrust legislation. That is, it's American, but he doesn't want it to be too American.

Behind the claptrap, however, is a man seeking to make a buck, a pursuit that binds that merry band of owners — a fundamental and historical aspect of this institution. They simply are trying to compete in the entertainment marketplace.

Football and basketball and hockey have expanded their division races to have more playoff games, and it has paid handsome dividends for them, a fact not lost on the merry hand,

Baseball strives so hard to keep young because it fears it will be taken

So far, most things baseball has tried in recent years to keep the game exciting and salable have not hurt the sport, as disgusting as they were: artificial turf, designated hitter, domed stadiums, late-late-night playoff and World Series games, moronic mascots.

(Heirs to such old gimmicks, some good and some bad, as juicing up the ball, bringing in the fences, lowering the mound, putting numbers on the backs of uniforms.)

the sale of basebali caps remain healthy.

performers, and not on wild-card teams. Baseball will either outlive its entertainment value or solidify its place in show biz.

Or next season, it can return to two divisions. And, like the soft-drink company that rectified a buge blunder, just call itself Baseball Classic.

Johnson's Ejection Launches Lakers Over Kings

The Associated Press

When his shooters couldn't hit shots. and his team couldn't play defense, Magic Johnson turned to the refer-

In just his sixth game as the Los Angeles coach, Johnson got himself ejected with 2:12 remaining in the third period and the Lakers trailing Sacramento, 80-64. With Johnson

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gone, the Lakers rallied to defeat the Kings, 128-123, in overtime. "It was a smart move," said the Secremento guard Soud Webb, who scored a season-high 32 points. "Him getting thrown out fired up the team."

Mitch Richmond, who led the Kings with 39 points, agreed. "It's a game we had control of,

PEANUTS

And doing the most damage was Johnson's old teammate, James Worthy, who scored a season-high 31 points as the Lakers won their seventh straight at home.

Johnson said he felt getting ejected was his only option after the and cursing at halftime. There's nothing left I can do

but get kicked out, so I got kicked he said as he ran his coaching record to 5-1. "I want to thank the fans, because the fans are what helped us win this game. They were yelling defense."

Referee Ron Olesiak called a technical against Johnson when the Lakers coach walked onto the middle of the court arguing about a but I think when Magic went out, technical called against Worthy, everything started to fall apart for He was whistled for his first techni-us," he said. "They started making cal with 58 seconds remaining in

After the technical, the Lakers

outscored Sacramento, 24-12, in a span of 6:12. Los Angeles shot 76 percent (16 of 21) in the fourth period compared to Sacramento's 50 percent (12 of 24) from the floor. Trailing 111-105, the Lakers

ored eight straight points to take the lead with 30.6 seconds remaining in regulation. Sacramento's Wayman Tisdale then sank a jumper to force overtime.

Alonzo Mourning's 23 points and I I rebounds, Charlotte set a franchise record for shooting accuracy and nudged a little closer to a playoff berth as they beat visiting Indiana.

The Hornets are five games behind the New Jersey Nets for the eighth playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. The Nets next face Atlanta at the Meadowlands, then

shots. Man, they were making the second period after questioning play the Hornets on Friday night in shots."

the second period after questioning a foul called on Viade Divac.

play the Hornets on Friday night in Charlotte, North Carolina.

their field goals, surpassing the record of 62.4 percent set against Golden State in February 1992. Sons 107, Spors 95: In Phoenix, Dan Majerle set an NBA record for

3-pointers in a season and Kevin Johnson handed out a career-high and team-record 25 assists as Phoenix handed San Antonio its second loss in as many nights, dropping the Spurs a half-game behind Mid-west Division-leading Houston.

Majerle hit a trio of 3-pointers in a 67-second span midway through the third quarter, the third being his 173d of the season, breaking Vernon Maxwell's mark, set in 1990-91.

Majerle finished with 21 points, Charles Barkley had 21 points and 16 rebounds, and A. C. Green came off the bench to score 20.

The Hornets hit 64.6 percent of

Final plans for an Asia-wide professional basketball league will be univeiled within a month, officials said Thursday in Canberra, Australia. The Associated Press reported. The Asian Basketball League

■ Asia League Shaping Up

will initially involve seven teams from Australia, New Zealand, and Indonesia. The league is expected to begin

December and run through March 1995. The Perth Wildcats of the Aus-

tralian National Basketball League and an as yet unnamed team from Cairns will join the Hong Kong Phoenix, Singapore Lions, Kuala Lumpur Tigers and teams from Anckland and Jakarta in the inaugural season.

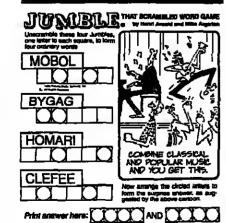
Each team will rely on local talcut, with a maximum of three foreign players per chuh.

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Once, baseball had the sports world virtually to itself. Now it must share the stage with myriad other entertainments. Yet, attendance and

The game will live and die on its merits, on the individual games and

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Eagles' Owner Sells NFL Club For a Reported \$185 Million By Richard Sandomir New York Times Service STEEN YORK — After nine years \$160 million paid by Robert Kraft for the New England Patriots. Owners of the new NFL expansion The Carolina Panthers and The in Miami and trave the 16 weeks in the fall — the the selection of the life weeks in the fall — the selection of the life weeks in the selection of the life weeks in

Eagles, Norman Braman agreed Wednesday to sell the National Football League team to a group led by Jeffrey Lurie, a film producer, for a reported \$185 million.

That would be the most ever paid for a sports franchise, surpassing the \$173 million paid last August for baseball's Baltimore Orioles.

Braman, a Mianni-based luxury car dealer and art collector who lives several months each year in the South of France, paid \$65 million for the team in 1985. Although Braman would not

confirm the sale price, a person familiar with the agreement said the figure was at least \$185 million. Braman would say only that he will reap "substantially more than what was paid for the Orioles."

The previous highest price for a football team was the estimated

Germans Seeking

A Game Abroad

After English Snub

BONN - German soccer officials said on Thursday that they

have given up any hope of playing a home friendly on April 20, the anniversary of Adolf Hitler's birthday.

champions were looking for a fixture abroad following England's decision oo Wednesday to pull out of a friendly in Berlin on the date

because of fears of extremist violence.

A German soccer federation official, Bernd Baruta, said the world

"We must reckoo that the match will be away," Baruta said, "If we

"After England canceled the Berlin fixture a line has to he drawn

under the whole matter," he added. "But we have nothing fixed up

The England match was a major part of Germany's build-up to the World Cup, which starts in June in the United States.

"The fact is that we can't play a game in Germany or even in Europe on April 20," said the national coach, Berti Vogts. "But

added. "There were several meetings with the English in which they

hours because of domestic matches. The fixture list of the German

league and the Italian league, in which several Germans play, make it

Suggestions have been made that the German team could play a

match against an Asian team, at a neutral site within a reasonable

because South Korea is in Germany's group in the preliminary

The Germans play friendlies against Ireland and Austria in Hanover and Vienna oo May 29 and June 2. Their last test before

they open the World Cup against Bolivia in Chicago on June 17 is

distance of Germany. Vogts is eager to play Asian or

difficult to arrange a match on April 19 or 21.

round of the World Cup finals.

against Canada in Torooto on June 8.

signaled their agreement with the date and the venue of the match.

"I am disappointed about the way the cancellation came," he

The Germans are unable to make a journey of more than five

changing the date to the 19th or the 21st is also not that easy."

planned to have the match at home the discussions would start all

\$160 million paid by Robert Kraft for the New England Patriots. Owners of the new NFL expansion teams, the Carolina Panthers and Jacksonville Jaguars, paid \$140 million. Wayne Huizenga recently agreed to pay \$138 million for the Miami Dolphins.

Sports franchise prices seem to be skyrocketing, but part of the rationale for the Eagles and the Orioles being so expensive is the substantial cash generated by sta-dium deals. The Eagles, for exam-ple, get to keep 80 percent of sky-box reveoues, according to

Financial World magazine.
The sale will be examined by the league office and its finance committee and requires approval of three-quarters of the NFL owners. Depending upon the paperwork in-volved, the sale could possibly be voted upon before the April 24 draft. Braman will run the team

the 16 weeks in the fall — well, there's more to life than the National Fontball League," said Bra-man, 61. "I don't have the same cuphoria in selling the team that I had in buying it. My life doesn't start and end with football. I'm active philanthropically and I want

to do more down here."
Lurie's grandfather founded the
General Cinema movie theater chain. Eight years ago. Lurie, 42, formed Chestnut Hill Productions, which has made films like "V. L Warshawsky.

"I am very excited at the prospect of acquiring the franchise and be-coming a Philadelphian," Lurie said in a statement. "Philadelphia is one of the great sports cities in America, and I look forward to a long and until league approval is given. successful relationship with the city, its seam and its loyal fans."

Redskins **And Monk Part Ways**

By David Aldridge

WASHINGTON - The Washington Redskins and Art Monk, the National Football League's alltime leading receiver and one of the greatest players in the history of the franchise, ended their 14-year relationship when the Redskins announced that the two sides had been unable to come to contract terms for 1994.

Monk's agent, Richard Bennett, said Wednesday night that his cli-ent had been backed against a wall by an "ultimatum" given him in a meeting between Bennett and General Manager Charley Casserly on Wednesday afternoon, Bennett said the Redskins told him that if Mook didn't sign by 5 P.M. Wednesday, they would take their one-year, \$600,000 contract offer off the table. Monk didn't sign, and the Redskins acted.

Last year, Monk signed a \$1.15 million, one-year contract. But on Feb. 18, he became an unrestricted

Monk was the Redskins' firstround draft pick in 1981, out of Syracuse. He made the first of his three straight Pro Bowls in 1984, the same year he set the league's ail time record for catches in a single season, 106, a mark since broken by the Green Bay Packers wide receiv er Sterling Sharpe. On Oct. 12, 1992, Monk surpassed Steve Largent to become the all-time leading receiver with his 820th reception.



Gary Player of South Africa lining up a putt during the opening round of the Masters on Thursday.

No White House Party for Harding

By Christine Brennan

Washington Part Service
WASHINGTON — The U.S. Olympic Committee did not stop Tonya Harding from compet-ing in the 1994 Winter Olympie Games, but it has made sure she will not participate in a ceremony honoring the U.S. Olympic team next Wednesday at the White House. "She's not invited and she's not coming," a

USOC spokesman, Mike Moran, said Wednesday. We don't think it would be appropriate for her to be there for this celebration of the Olympic team." Harding pleaded guilty last month to a conspira-cy charge in the Jan. 6 attack on Nancy Kerngan, who recovered from a severely bruised right knee to win the silver medal in the women's Olympic figure skating competition in February.

Harding who filed a \$20 million lawsuit against the USOC in a successful effort to stay on the ie team, linished eighth.

Robert Weaver, Harding's attorney, said Wednesday that Harding didn't know she had not

"These people — these men — it seems to me rather small and impolite of the Olympie Commit-tee, but not unexpected," he said. "We had not

talked about it, but this would not be unexpected, considering their treatment of her in the past. This is not inconsistent with their dealings with her in

Weaver said he planned to discuss the matter with Harding on Thursday,
All U.S. Olympic athletes normally are invited to attend the White House celebration in their honor. But Harding's case has been anything but routine. The last thing the USOC wanted, sources said, was for Harding to show up at the White House and again steal the spotlight from the 150 Olympians gathered with President Bill Clinton. Said USOC Executive Director Harvey Schiller,

"We are moving to avoid further distractions."
Officials of the USOC and U.S. Figure Skating Association might be working in other ways to strip Harding of her honors. The USFSA could consider taking away the 1994 national title she won after Kerrigan was in official William Hybl, and might also consider a lifetime ban on USFSA membership. She resigned from the USFSA as part of her plea bargain.

The USOC is considering taking away her Olympic team uniform and other items and gifts she received as an Olympian, sources said.

Allem Jumps To Early Lead At the Masters

AUGUSTA, Georgia - Fulton Allem, a long-hitting South African, birdied the two front-side long holes on Thursday and took the early first round lead at the Masters

Allem, a long-hitting South African, birdied his swing a low tee shot out wards, down the middle. Snead, 81, the sweet swing and the sweet swing and the sweet swing and the swing and th

golf tournament. Allem played the first nine at the Augusta National Golf Club in 32, four under par.

Left-hander Russ Cochran was oext after going out in two-under-

Scoring generally was high in the early going. Of the first 12 golfers to finish, only Jim McGovern was able to match par 72. McGovern, making his first appearance in the Masters, qualified

for the exclusive tournament with his first career victory last year in the Houston Open. Most of the favorites - defend-

ing champion Bernhard Langer, Greg Norman, Nick Faldo, Nick Price, Raymond Floyd and Payne Stewart - were not playing until

the afternoon. that subsided about noon, and greens that remained fast and treacherous despite overnight rain.

Steve Elkiogtoo and Nolan Henke served as unhappy examples of the difficult conditions. Elkington tied the all-time tournament brightest hopes to break the foreign high score of 7 on the first hole. Henke, moving along at even par, took a fat 10 on the water-guarded, par-5 15th. He finished at 77.

The 10, however, was not the worst score ever posted on the pivotal hole. Jumbo Ozaki of Japan jime Meshiai of Japan. made an 11 there in 1987,

withdrew after playing the front Zoeller off the tee with Stewart. side in 44.

one under par, but bogeyed the last onship in his last start, two holes and finished at 73.

Langer of Germany.

Some other early scores included Coody, 80; an 84 by veteran Gay Brewer, and a 77 by Bob Estes. Arnold Palmer, who won the last of his four Masters in 1964, played

the front in 40.

Johnny Miller, who qualified with his upset victory at Pebble Beach earlier this season, shot 77. The wind, gusting to 25 mph (40

kpb) and blowing into their faces, also hampered three old champions Gene Sarazen, Byron Nelson and Sam Snead.

Sarazen, 92, who won the second Masters in 1935, wore a jacket and sweater as be hit the first drive, Masters in 1935, wore a jacket and sweater as be hit the first drive, lolling his ball into the cross-walk seventh in last year's U.S. Open, about 150 yards from the tee.

in 1937 and '42, followed. A bad hip restricted his swing and he got his low tee shot out about 180

Snead, 81, the sweet swinger who won the title in 1949, '52 and '54, hit his tee shot about 220 yards to the left side of the fairway.

The three then fulfilled Fuzzy Zoeller's tongue-in-cheek prophecy that they were among the few who had little chance to win the first of the year's Big Four events. They left their drives in the fairway for the fore-caddies to retrieve, and then retired to the clubhouse for

Zoeller, 42, a runner-up in each bis last three starts, said Wednesday that any one of 60 men in the starting field of 86 could win

"Well, who can't win?" he was asked.

With a straight face, Zoeller replied: "Sarazen's looking pretty good, so he might have a chance. But Byron tells me he's only getting Contributing to the scoring diffi-culies were a brisk, chilly wind that subsided show and that subsided show and the subsided show a unless he has a good game off the tee he might be in trouble."

In the absence of the PGA champion Paul Azinger and the two-time Player of the Year Fred Couples, Zoeller was one of America's seen foreign born pros win five of the last six Masters.

The 1979 Masters champion, Zoeller was scheduled to start later Thursday in a twosome with Ha-Norman, the Australian who was

The former ebampion Doug a heavy pre-tournament favorite to Ford didn't bother to finish. He win, was scheduled to follow Norman, the British Open title-Hale Irwin, a three-time U.S. bolder, was a record-setting winner Open winner, had the lead alone at of the prestigious Players Champi-

Langer of Germany, a two-time Masters winner, was scheduled to

the former champion Charles open defense of his title just after Faldo of England and Price of Zimbabwe teed off. (AP, Reuters) ■ A Pre-Tournament Jinx

Tradition says Vijay Singh of Fiji

can forget any hopes of capturing the Masters championship on Sunday, The Associated Press reported.

Singh won the Par-3 tournament on Wednesday at 5-under 22. The winner of the preliminary event to the season's first major championship has never gone on to win the Masters.

was second with a 4-under 23.

SIDELINES

Lazio's Gascoigne Breaks His Leg

ROME (AP) — Paul Gascoigne's soccer career appeared in jeopardy Thursday when the accident-prone Lazio and England midfielder broke his right leg in two places in a tackle during practice. It was the same right leg that oeeded two operations three years ago

after he tore knee ligaments while tackling an opponent in the English Football Association Cup final. That injury put him out of soccer for 16 months. The latest one could sideline him for up to six more. Doctors at San Giacomo bospital in Rome reported that the 26-yearold star broke both the tibia and the fibula. Hospital officials said

Gascoigne would fly to London on Friday to undergo an operation at the After his 1991 injury, he needed two operations and a 16-month long rehabilitation, which delayed his transfer to Lazio from Tottenham Hotspur in a \$10 million deal.

Vikings and Oilers' Moon in Talks

HOUSTON (AP) — The agent for the Houston Oilers quarterback Warren Moon has begun talks with the Minnesota Vikings that could result in the star quarterback heading north for the 1994 season. Moon, 37, wants to play two more years and Minnesota has an opening with Jim McMahon's departure. The Vikings reportedly are willing to prive Houston middle-round draft picks in 1994 and 1995 for the six-time

The Vikings, with permission from the Oilers, contacted Moon's agent, Leigh Steinberg, on Wednesday. The Vikings' president, Roger Headrick, reached at his home in Minnesota, confirmed that the discussions took place, but declined to confirm the reported terms of the deal. Headrick, nowever, said any trade was contingent on Moon and the Vikings working out a new cootract. Moon's current deal calls for him to make

Tokio Breaks Mast, Heads for Port

SOUTHAMPTON, England (AP) — The Japanese-New Zealand yacht Tokio, the overall leader in the Whitbread 60 class of the Whitbread Round the World Race, broke its mast Thursday and was forced to head

The accident allowed Intrum Justitia to open up a 9-nautical mile (16.6-kilometer) lead on the fifth leg of the race, and may force Tokio out of contention for overall victory. Tokio's mast broke in two places as the or contention for overall victory. 10kio's mast broke in two places as the yacht was sailing into a 25-knot oortherly wind off the coast of Brazil. Tokio had beld a 14-hour lead over lutrum Justitia after four legs of the six-leg. 32,800-mile race. It was trailing the European entry in the fifth leg

a sme when the mast bloke.

It is devastating to know that all the months of hard work can be lost by a mile when the mast broke. in a moment by a major failure," Tokio's captain, Chris Dickson, said from the boat. Shock is gradually sinking in.

Germans Pick Grass for Davis Cup

HAMBURG (AP) — The Davis Cup quarterfinal between Germany and Spain will be played June 15-17 on grass in Halle, a small town near Hanover, the German Tennis Federation said Thursday. Germany beat Czechoslovakia in Halle last year, also in the Davis Cup

quarterfinals, before it went on win the title. The German announcement made no mention of whether the three-time Wimbledon champion Boris Becker would return to the Davis Cup learn. Recent reports Said Becker was ready to return after a year's absence. Germany won last year's title without Becker, relying instead on Michael Stich, the No. 2 in the world.

For the Record

\$3.25 million oext season.

Michel Platini, one of the organizers of the 1998 World Cup finals in France, on Thursday backed a proposal by FIFA's president, João Havelange, to expand the number of teams in the event from 24 to 32. (Renters) Road Gullit, 31, the Dutch international soccer star, is to rejoin Italian champions AC Milan next season, the Italian sports daily Gazzetta dello Sport reported on Thursday. Gullit left Milan last summer after six seasons, moving to Sampdoria.

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America the Going By Russell Baker NEW YORK — Charles Kuralt

OBSERVER

IN is gone. What is going to happen to America? The barber pole is vanishing, and Charles Kuralt is America is vanishing bit by bit. The barber pole is vanishing, the last telephone booths are even now

headed down the bay aboard garbage scows, the very fate mehitabel envisioned for herself, and now mehitabel herself is vanishing from the Americao memory. Aod Charles Kuralt is gone.

Going, going, so much of America is going, like Charles Kuralt. The Princess telephone is headed for the Smithsonian. Gone are The Saturday Evening Post, Collier's, Doc Savage, The Shadow, America, you are slipping away fast. So fast. And now Charles Kuralt is gone.

What has happened to the baseball crowds of men, vast crowds of men wearing suits and oeckties and hats? Gone. Gone with the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants. Charles Kurait is not so gone as those crowds of suited, necktied men watching baseball in snap-brim fedoras are gone, but he is gone nonetheless. Yes, Charles Kuralt is gone.

Gone is Guy Lombardo playing the New Year in at the ballroom of the Roosevelt Hotel. Since his death, New Year's Eve has turned its back on America, leaving millions no way to celebrate on that famous mid-night except to watch an electrical display on a building in Times Square. Guy Lombardo has gone and taken New Year's Eve with him. Thus America vanishes bit by bit. And now Charles Kuralt . . .

Chesterfields, which satisfied, and Camels, for which men once would walk a mile, and Lucky Strikes, which sent Lucky Strike green to war — all are going, if not gone. Worse, the great black-and-white movies in which everybody smoked and smoked until the action was obscured behind curtains of smoke - gone are those movies that once

made America what it was. Charles Kuralt, who must have loved those movies because they were so vital to the American character, is gone as they are gone. Fortunately Charles Kuralt, unlike those movies, can never be colorized by Ted Turner.

How quickly, how finally it all goes. The indestructible Royal manual desk-model typewriter, gone. Gone with the Underwood. Gone with the straight-up telephone with the earpiece you lifted off the hook, bringing on the Operator, to whom you said, "Operator, get me Central," or — if you were covering the police beat — "Hiya, sweetheart, give me the city desk."

Brushless shaving cream in a jar. one of the great American inventions that should survive forever, can oo longer be found. One thou-sand miles of American highway can you drive without once sighting a Burma-Shave roadside verse like

Pity all The mighty Caesars They pulled Each whisker out With tweezers Burma-Shave.

What will become of a nation that has quit providing motorists with roadside poetry, and forgotten mehitabel, and disposed of the Operator whom you could call "Sweetheart" without risking trial for sexual harassment?

What hope is there for a nation that let Charles Kuralt go - for he is gone, all right — yes, gone is Charles Kuralt, whose language art was such that he would have known whether it is correct to end this absurd sentence with a question mark, though so great that he would never have written it in the first place? As with so much of vanishing

America, we took it for granted that Charles Kuralt would always be with us, so failed to cherish him sufficiently, just as we failed to cherish mehitabel, and the movie stars who smoked, and the barber pole whose beauty had to be revealed to us by Edward Hopper, all of which now belong to America

the Gone. In the same way we failed to treasure the gone Edward R. Murrow, the great TV newsman who showed us how fine TV news could be until TV discovered that it could also be a troublesome, no-profit use of valuable entertainment time. Murrow would have approved of Charles Kuralt, who is now gone,

New York Times Service



As war ends, Itzak Stern (Ben Kingsley) asks the lone Soviet soldier who "liberates" the Schindler survivors. "What do we do now?"

'Schindler' Gets Cool Reception From Muslims

By Bernard Weinraub New York Times Service

OS ANGELES - "Schindler's List," L Steven Spielberg's Academy Awardwinning film about the Holocaust, has been effectively barred from theaters in many Arab and Islamic countries.

Citing everything from the Hebron mas-sacre, in which a Jewish extremist killed Muslim worshipers, to the assertion that the movie is "propaganda with the pur-pose of asking for sympathy" to the traditional Muslim abhorrence of nudity and sex in movies, various Islamic govern-ments have given the film a cold, if not hostile, reception.

At the same time, the film, a major success in Europe, Asia and Latin America, is expected to gross \$100 million over-seas by Friday. Most countries in the Middle East, with the exception of Israel, are

expected to bar it, however.

"It's just disgraceful," Spielberg, the film's director, said in an interview. "It shocks me because I thought the Islamic countries would feel this film could be an instrument of their own issues in what was happening in Bosnia."

On Tuesday, the Lebanese authorities confiscated advertising material about the film and said that any imported prints of the movie would be confiscated. They declined to give a reason for their actions.

Jordan has said it will ban the film. The government of Malaysia has asked that seven scenes with nudity, sexual content or violence be deleted, but Spielberg has said this is unthinkable. And the film is now before censorship boards in Egypt and Indonesia, the largest Muslim nation. Some experts on Islamic culture suggested that a Muslim government, aware of Spielberg's refusal to trim the film, might find that demanding cuts in scenes with sexual overtones was a convenient way to keep the movie out without creating a political issue.

Gerry Lewis, international marketing consultant for Spielberg's company, Amblin Entertainment, who is overseeing the film's release abroad, said of the Arab and Muslim response: "We were all quite shocked at the beginning when we met this opposition. The movie is a historical record of something that actually happened. a historical horror. It seems extraordinary that any group of people can reject the film for contemporary reasons."

But Arab experts said it was perhaps naive for filmmakers to view the film as only a historical document unrelated to the incendiary atmosphere of the Middle East. Showing the film to Arab audiences, they said, could result in violence at movie the-

Spielberg, in a telephone interview, said the ban had its "roots in anti-Semitism" and was "certainly an attack against Jews." "It's disgraceful that these countries do this, especially in light of the very valid condemnation of Serbian atrocities and al-

leged genocide in Bosnia," he said. "This movie speaks not only on the Jewish Holocaust but of every Holocaust, by anyone's The film, based on the book by Thomas Keneally, deals with the rescue of more

than a thousand Jews by Oskar Schindler, a businessman and Nazi Party member. In recent weeks, "Schindler's List" has come under harsh scrutiny in several nations, In Jordan, Information Minister

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Jawad Al Anani said be wanted to ban the film because of the Hebron massacre, in which 29 Muslims were killed and 90 wounded. "This is not an opportune time" to show the film, Anani said. He also challenged Hollywood to be "fair" by making films depicting Palestinian suffering.

It was Malaysia that initially banned the film as "propaganda with the purpose of asking for sympathy." In addition, Malaysia said the film depicted Jews as "stouthearted" and "intelligent," while showing Germans as brutal.

After an outcry from leaders of Jewish organizations and others, the Malaysian anthorities said they would reconsider the ban but only if oumerous scenes were

Lewis said these included scenes with sexual content, a scene of a Jewish man being shot in the head by a German, and scenes of naked men and women being examined by German doctors.

Spielberg was adamant about not making trims. "I won't make one cut," he said. "I'm oot interested in getting into a contest with them. This film needs to be shown intact. There's nothing more obscene than the events that took place between 1933 and 1945.

"It wouldn't interest me to water down these events because 'Schindler's List' is only a shadow of the actual events. The actual events are much too impossible and obscene to picture in any medium. The film is very, very close to a sensitive line that I drew on the ground when I made the movie

between what is viewable and what is not." Lewis said by telephone from his office in London that the film had recently been that there had been no response as yet. "Schindler's List" is also before the censorship board in Indonesia, where its fate remains uncertain. The film has been denounced in Indonesia by a prominent orga-mization of Muslim clerics, who said it was

"too sympathetie" in its treatment of Jews. The Philippines, which has a sizable Muslim population but is overwhelmingly Christian, at first refused to allow the movie to be shown without the deletion of several seconds of film showing bare female breasts and a couple engaged in sex.

Spielberg refused, and the film was shown, bot only after the intervention of President Fidel Ramos, who overruled the

The film has grossed about \$75 million in the United States, said John Krier, presi-dent of Exhibitor Relations Co., which monitors box-office grosses for studios.

Lewis said the film had done exceptionally well overseas in areas other than the Middle East. In Germany, he said, Schindler's List" is No. 1 at the box office and is being shown in 500 theaters; last weekend, he said, more than 500,000

"Schindler's List," is also dominating the box office in Austria and Italy as well as in Japan and in Latin America. The film is doing well in Poland, where the events it depicts took place, despite a oumber of oceative reviews. It is to open in the Soviet Union in June.

Lewis said there were no plans at the moment for the film to be released in such countries as Saudi Arabia, India or Paki-

PEOPLE

A Hollywood 'Secret' Is Finally Disclosed

One of Hollywood's best-known and best-kept secrets has been exposed: Judy Lewis, the daughter Loretta Young said she adopted at 19 mooths, has written a book disclosing that she was Young's biological child by Clark Gable. From the time that Young disappeared for several months in 1935, feigning illness, the love affair and its results sip mill, but Lewis did not know until she reached adulthood. In "Uncommon Knowledge," to be published next week by Pocket Books, she describes her parents' relationship, her mother's conceal-ment of her birth and her lifelong search for identity and affirmation. Gable died in 1960. Young is now

A publicist who said he had had a "sexual relationship" with Maria Transp's footwear has been sentenced to a mimimum of 18 months in prison for stealing her shoes and lingerie. Chuck Jones, a former public relations aide to Trump, reected several plea deals that would have spared him jail but would have required psychiatric counseling. Jones spoke openly during the three-week trial of his "sexual fascination" with women's shoes.

Paolo Gucci, an heir to the Gucci leather goods fortune was arrested in New York on contempt-of-court charges for allegedly failing to pay nearly half a million dollars in child support and maintenance to his estranged wife. Jennifer Puddefoot Gacci says he owes her nearly \$480,000 in maintenance and child support.

Richard Julien, who owns the house in San Francisco used in "Mrs. Doubtfire," starring Robin Williams as a female namy-housekeeper, claims in a suit against the producers and 20th Century Fox that trees were cut down on his property and children and animals were allowed to "run wild," through his late mother's bedroom. The city film coordinator, Robin Eickman said the moviemakers had left the house better than they found it.

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